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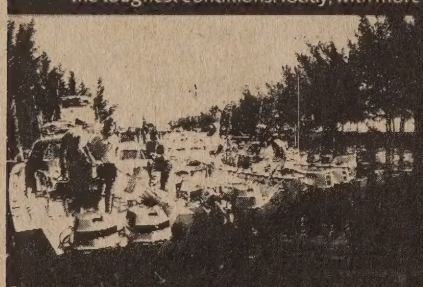

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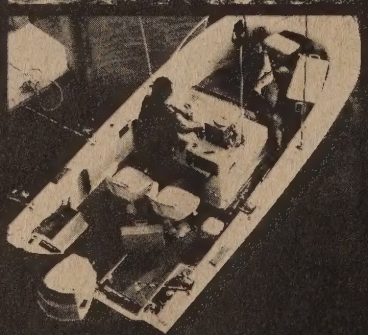

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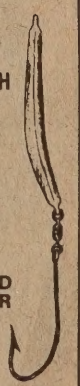

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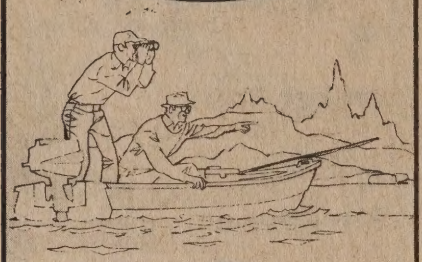

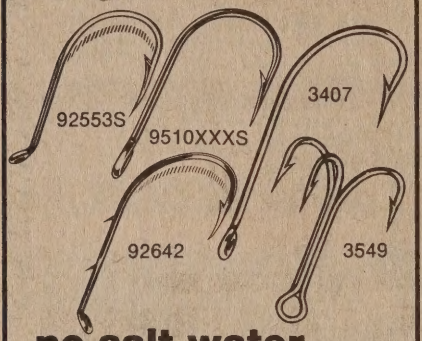

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In order to compile the information for this pamphlet, the Bureau of Marine and Recreational Vehicles has prepared a questionnaire to be completed by anyone who owns or manages a marine facility and wishes to be included in the pamphlet.

For additional information or to obtain a questionnaire, please contact Tom Shanahan at 669-1000, Extension 207.

CLUB NEWS

PATCHOGUE FISHING CLUB ANNUAL FLUKE CONTEST

The Patchogue Fishing Club had its annual fluke contest in the Moriches area on Sunday, July 16. The winners were:

1st: Joel Runkel, 2 b. 2 oz.
2nd: Joe Ernie, 2 lbs. 1 oz.
3rd: Greg Maynard, 1 lb. 15 oz.
4th: Carl Diepel, Jr., 1 lb. 13 oz.

Despite the fog and slow fishing, thirty-five members turned out for a day's fishing.

NEW FISHING CLUB

A new fishing club, Surf and Sea Anglers, is starting in Bayport-Moriches-Shirley area; looking for young or old, boat owners and non-boat owners; fishermen and non-fishermen to help build a sport fishing club. Call Tom Montalbano at (516) 281-0235 for any information about the Surf and Sea Anglers Rod and Gun Club.

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CHUM LINES

ALTERNATIVE TO 26" BASS BILL?

Ever since the 26" limit on striped bass was proposed, I have been reading with great interest the opinions on it that have been appearing each week in The Fisherman. One of the points that I have realized from these letters is the inequality of the "conservation load" that would result from such a length limit.

There seems to be almost universal agreement that the 16" minimum size regulation is inadequate and that some further measure should be instituted to ease fishing pressure. However, when a 26" minimum size was suggested, Ron Onorato who fishes out of Montauk, wrote to say that the bill will do little to conserve bass as he rarely sees a bass less than 26" out there. W. E. Brookens wrote in opposition stating that in his neck of the Hudson River, what works out to be less than two thousandths of a percent of the bass he catches are over the size that virtually one hundred percent of the Montauk bass are over.

The inequality of this situation is further compounded by the fact that the Hudson fishermen are being asked to release almost all of their stripers, even though only a miniscule portion of these fish are of Chesapeake origins. At the same time, people fishing more oceanic waters would be catching almost exclusively coastal migratory stock and the 26" limit would be doing very little to conserve them.

My suggestion to help equalize the effects of such a bill and to conserve even more bass would be to adopt a bag limit similar in style to one often used for freshwater trout, that is a quantity or poundage maximum—whichever comes first. The law might then say, for example, that a fisherman is allowed per day five bass over 22" or 100 lbs. of bass over 22", whichever comes first. Lowering the size limit by four inches in conjunction with the quantity or poundage maximum would enable those who mainly catch small bass the chance to keep a few, while limiting the kill of the larger, more prolific spawners.

Although this is probably a moot point as action has already been taken behind the 26" bill, I believe that this idea would be a more equitable and productive alternative than the present bill. **John Waldman.**

We agree that the proposed 26" limit was very discriminatory and unfair. You raise a good point, however—maybe our readers want to kick this one around for a few weeks.

LIKED MEDICAL TACKLE BOX

This is just to tell you that I am most pleased that you ran the article "Medical Tackle Box." Most fishermen do not know what to do once an ounce of blood is lost. I hope your article helps the great majority of them.

There is one thing, however, that Dr. Einar Grell failed to mention, and it is very important. When any hook or other dirty foreign body becomes lodged in the skin, the person should be started on antibiotics as soon as possible. Just think of all the bacteria that may be on that fishhook (with or without bait).

My father is a doctor. My younger brother somehow got a hook in his hand, and he was started on antibiotics.

I am a volunteer in Nassau Hospital, Mineola. There I see some children with fishhooks in their fingers. They are all started on one kind of medication or another to prevent infection.

Thus I feel that other readers should be advised to see a doctor as soon as possible after being caught with a hook. Washing out the wound, no matter how well, can and will leave bacteria in the wound. So please tell your readers. **Joseph Cumella, Jr., Westbury, N.Y.**

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FISH TALK with Dr. William A. Muller

Thoughts on Fishery Management Councils

SQUID AND BUTTERFISH. I'm sure that many of you already know that the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council has asked me to serve as a consultant/advisor to their operation. My first assignment has been to serve as Chairman of the Squid and Butterfish sub-panel that was formed to make recommendations to the Council as they developed a management plan for squid and one for butterfish. It has been an interesting experience, because I have come to learn a great deal about the intimate functioning of the Council, and I have developed a better grasp and a more thorough working knowledge of the legislation that created the Councils. I'd like to take the space of this column to share some impressions that I have picked up along the way.

POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE. The Councils have been effective, and I think that they have been more efficient and effective than the Federal Government believed they would be when they were formed. I believe that they have accrued both power and status mainly because the members of the Councils have worked so hard at it. They have sacrificed a great deal of their personal lives in order to ensure that the Councils would succeed. Not that these folks have complained about long hours, public badgering, extended travel to remote towns, and other bureaucratic problems that have hindered their operations; they have hung in there and they have worked hard. This comes across when you work with them. They are quietly confident in their knowledge and experiences and they offer information and advice to sub-panel members liberally and without prejudice. The Mid-Atlantic Council has become a well-oiled machine. In summary, the 200-Mile Limit is working in my opinion, and so are the Council members.

QUARK! Do you remember this short-lived television series from last winter? Incidentally, I believe that it's coming back to life this winter. It was a crazy show and without profound meaning, but I found it to be clever and well done. Anyway, Quark was an oddball captain because he was primarily assigned to pick up garbage in the galaxy. The name "Quark" is odd and so was the subject matter. One of the reasons why the show clicked with me was because I think that this is the way a lot of things are in real life. They superficially seem like A, but invariably turn out as Q! Such has been the case with the developing management plans that the Councils have developed. They learn each time they make up a plan. They learn what items will get them in trouble with the Department of State, which will incur the wrath of fishermen; which will be impractical; which will be challenged in an international court, etc., etc. So, what would superficially seem like some oddities have begun to creep into the Council management plans. One of the most interesting is the fact that if you want to prevent a foreign national from taking or killing a certain species of fish, the worst thing you can do is give them no allotment. What happens is that if a foreign national has no allotment, they may take a good portion of that species as by-catch to the fishing for another species. This incidental catch will be discarded. It goes back dead into the water and it's not reported, because discarded fish do not have to be reported. However, if you give that country a small allotment, then when they reach that quota, they must stop fishing and what they have taken is reported up to that point. Interesting!?

MOST RECENT MEETING. The squid and butterfish sub-panel held our last meeting in Dover, Delaware on July 6, 1978. I believe that the sub-panel made a significant contribution to the final shape and intention of the plans. Perhaps one of the most important changes involves squid. I have been disturbed for sometime that in the various management plans we have tried to determine the size of the stocks and then, based upon this and other data, make allocations of fish both to domestic and foreign fishermen. However, nowhere does an allocation for the ocean appear to have been written into the plan. This, of course, is not quite true since it is taken into account in the development of optimum and maximum sustained yield numbers. Theoretically, the reason that a stock of fish can continue to be harvested at a certain level, year after year, without any decline in the biomass of that population of a fish is because environmental effects have been taken into consideration. However, these harvest allotments are guesses since poor and excellent year classes, as well as other alterations in environmental parameters can cause the stocks to fluctuate greatly. Still, for the most part, although they are ball park figures, they seem to be fairly on target. However, the squid management plan will reflect an obvious and semi-official recognition of the need to make an allotment for the ocean ecosystem. The allotments for squid (Loligo) will be reduced by ten percent in the final plan. The squid that were removed from harvest allotments are believed to be very important in the normal prey-predator relationships since squid are a very important fodder for many finfish. In addition, foreign fishermen will have to report all squid that are returned to the sea as discard. Thus, we may get a better data base for analyzing the future foreign and domestic allotments. It was pointed out that five metric tons of squid are currently being taken per day by Delaware-Cape May scallop boats and that they are being discarded. This knowledge will permit staff scientists to develop a better understanding of the overall mortality of the species of squid or finfish. The concept of discard reporting is a very important suggestion and was made by Barbara Anderson, representing a commercial fishing interest from Delaware. This concept will also be applied to the butterfish plan where butterfish are often caught as by-catch to other fishing activities and discarded.

VALUE OF SQUID INCREASING. In the past three years, the market value of squid has increased from about eight cents to about forty-two cents. This is important, because it is another example that the 200-Mile law is working. Essentially, because foreign fishing for squid has been limited, the foreign countries are now buying the squid from United States fishermen. The law of supply and demand takes over and the result is that the value of the squid caught has increased to the point where it is profitable for American fishermen to go after them. Much the same is true for butterfish, where the Japanese especially have been very interested in buying butterfish from U.S. fishermen.

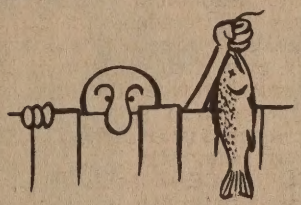
GOOD NEWS FROM SPORTSMEN. I asked if the increase in the value of butterfish because of increased interest from foreign nations would cause the price of butterfish used for bait to increase. Happily, the market for bait-butters, or small butterfish, should remain stable. The reason is that the Japanese are interested in the larger fish. They designate three categories: jumbo, large and medium (there is no small). Thus, the Japanese are willing to buy butterfish as long as the count (number of fish per 100 pound box) remains below 400. However, many butterfish come to market which would make up a count of 400-500 or more per box. These fish have a poor value as human food and are shipped primarily to industrial users, including bait dealers.

MORE GOOD NEWS! At one time, there was a recreational fishery for butterfish. Fishermen would combine a weighted treble with several small

worm-baited hooks above it to snag butterfish at Coney Island, Jamaica Bay, and Canarsie piers. When the butterfish nibble at the small pieces of worm above the treble, the fisherman jerks the rod upward very quickly and hopefully snags the butterfish. The possibility that a recreational fishery for butterfish may develop if the stocks of butterfish increase was on one of the main reasons why the final management plan for butterfish will show a cutback in the Optimum Yield from 16,000 metric tons to 10,000 metric tons. The domestic fishery will be allocated 6,000 metric tons, while the foreign nationals will receive 4,000 metric tons allocation.

DATA IS NEEDED! Unfortunately, there is a tradition in this country where commercial fishermen—even fishermen in general—have a dislike and distrust for marine scientists. It is also unfortunately true that there have been times and situations where such a posture has been justified. I'll be the first scientist to admit that there are too many marine scientists who learned about fish almost exclusively from books. But that's changing and more and more marine scientists have practical, as well as theoretical knowledge. The mix of conservationists, sport fishermen, scientists, and commercial fishermen on the fishery Councils has already made big progress towards dispelling the myth that marine scientists don't know any marine science. The barriers are crumbling. However, the scientific and technical staff again made a plea for more data from commercial fishermen in order to be able to make the allocations fairly and with justification. Commercial fishermen are reluctant to keep logs and are reluctant to report pertinent information. However, info is starting to come in, in spite of the possible repercussions from the IRS. A uniform simple log was proposed by a commercial fisherman at this meeting and, judging from the reception that the idea received, it may provide a means of bridging the gap between little and no data recording and adequate but unthreatening data reporting.

INCIDENTALLY! We would like very much to use this column to discuss items of interest to our readers. If there is a species of fish, fish topic, or ecological topic that you would like us to discuss, please drop me a note and I'll do my best to include it.



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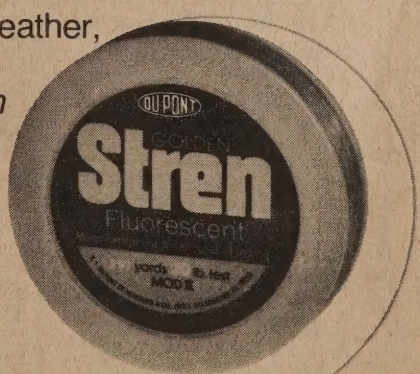

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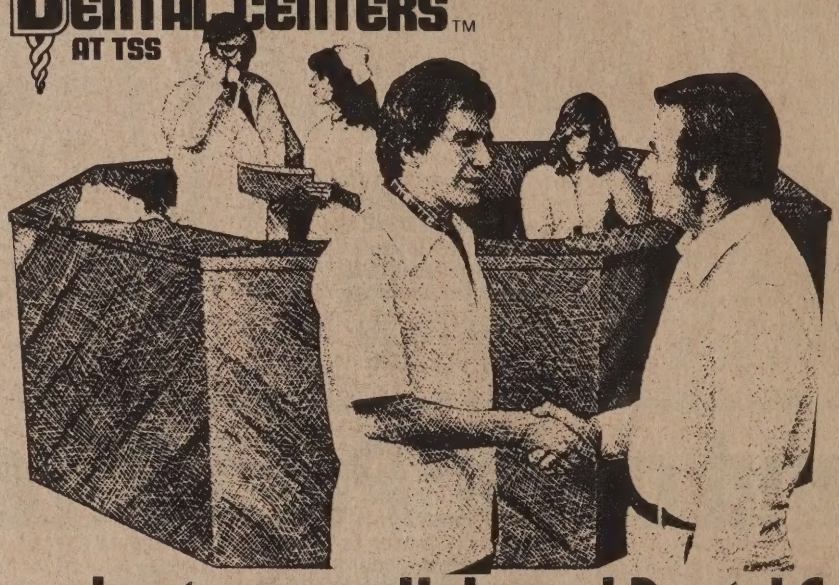

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NATIONAL SCENE

NEWS & NOTES ON THE WORLD OF FISHING
with Al Ristori

Canadian Tuna Seiners Fish Off Jersey Coast Despite Breakdown in Negotiations

As reported in last week's column, the U.S. tuna seining season (for school bluefins) is over except for 200 tons to be taken as part of scientific cruises. Nevertheless, you may well encounter other tuna seiners doing their thing off the Jersey and Long Island coasts. Due to the tuna exemption in the 200-Mile Limit Law, the Canadians can blissfully clean up on the valuable and relatively scarce school tuna, even though the breakdown in U.S./Canadian fishery negotiations resulted in each country prohibiting fishing by the other country's fleets in their waters.

"Uncle Sucker" has taken it on the chin again, because the West Coast tuna fleets were powerful enough to be able to have the tuna exemption written into the 200-Mile bill in order to serve their own interests. That left regulation up to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), a typically ineffective international organization in which politics is more important than conservation. Though American fishermen are severely restricted under the regulations finally adopted by ICCAT, they haven't proven to be much of a problem for the foreigners exploiting tuna off our shores.

As has been noted several times in this column, the Japanese have been harvesting about 9,000 giant tuna in pre-spawning condition from the Gulf of Mexico each of the past several springs. Prior to the ICCAT regulations, they weren't even fishing for giant tuna in our waters but, having pretty much depleted the tuna stocks of the Mediterranean, they simply took their allocation to our stocks in the Gulf. It's all quite legal under ICCAT regulations, even if it completely obviates the sacrifices made by American fishermen (restricted to a total of less than 3,000 giants, commercial and recreational per year) in order to improve the tuna stocks along our coast.

The Canadian situation is, if anything, even more galling—though not nearly as damaging. Using their catch rate during better years, they can take about 320-350 tons of school tuna under ICCAT regs. They did it last year in the summer off the Jersey coast, even though sportsmen took but a few hundred schoolies during the entire season. The seiners are able to do a job on tuna, even under poor population conditions, as the fish aggregate in schools and are susceptible to mass destruction in purse seines. Spotter planes make it possible to locate even very scattered schools.

Bad as the tuna situation is, it hurts this citizen's pride to know that Canadians can fish at will off our shores while our fishermen are prohibited from fishing in their waters! This is the case because the Canadians were not so foolish as to exempt tuna from the 200-Mile Limit. Indeed, at State Department meetings with the Japanese and Canadians last year, the Japanese were kidding the Canadians with questions about when they would get their permits to fish tuna off Canadian shores. Obviously, our neighbors to the north had no intention of issuing such permits. Of course, the Japanese—or any other country for that matter—can fish tuna off our shores without so much as a request. The only control we have is of the "back-door" variety on the Japanese longliners. Since they take incidental catches of billfish, sharks, and other species under our control, we are issuing permits and making some inspections under a preliminary management plan that went into effect earlier this year. However, we cannot interfere with their tuna fishing.

The solution to this problem is a simple one. All that's required is to eliminate the tuna exemption in the 200-Mile Limit bill. Unfortunately, that's easier said than done. The West Coast tuna interests still command a lot of power in Congress, and most legislators would rather let things go on as they are, rather than stirring up that can of worms again. The only way to change this sorry situation is a letter writing campaign similar to that which got us the 200-Mile Limit. Most legislators really aren't aware of the seriousness of this situation, or how foolish we appear to the other countries involved. To make things worse, there is nothing to stop other countries from getting in on this bonanza—and rumor has it that Mexico (which includes tuna in its own 200-Mile law) is interested! Better start writing now if you are interested in a tuna fishery in the future. Remember, this is an election year!

Spring Survey Shows Most Fishery Stocks in Good Shape

Preliminary results from the National Marine Fisheries Service spring survey indicate most stocks fished by foreign fleets in our area to be in fairly good condition. In the case of whiting (silver hake), the Eastern Long Island stock is estimated to be twenty-three percent larger than it was last year, while the all-important spawning stock (that portion of the total stock that is sexually mature) is up by forty percent. The situation is pretty much the same with ling (red hake). Their population is up by thirty-eight percent, while the spawning stock has increased by thirty-six percent. On the other hand, the heavily fished Georges Banks stocks of these species aren't in nearly such good shape. In that area, ling are up slightly, but whiting are down.

The New England Council is moving ahead with its management plan for these species, and in doing so, is taking account of the sport fishing requirements in the Metropolitan Area. The promising spring survey results will surely lead to a request for higher allocations from the Russians, Poles, and other countries interested in these species. As American domestic fishermen aren't harvesting substantial portions of these stocks, there is little likelihood that the request can be denied under the law. Our concern is to prevent over-exploitation of the particular stocks that inhabit Metropolitan waters in the winter—and are the saviors for the party boat fleet that no longer has a cod fishery to keep them going at that time of year. Unfortunately, no tagging of whiting has been done, due to the great depths at which they are taken commercially. However, at the Mid-Atlantic's recent joint meeting with the New England Council (at Hunt Valley, Maryland), I once again urged a tagging program on the whiting found along our beaches in the winter. Taken from shallow waters, these whiting could be handled successfully and would serve to pinpoint the very stocks that we are most interested in.

Long Island Sound Weakfish

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Bayville, before disappearing for parts unknown. Some of the fish must have circled around and headed into Oyster Bay, for some were taken, but not in the numbers they should have been.

The big question is, "will the fish show up again?" That is hard to say: if the sand eels show up in dense schools, there is no reason why the weaks shouldn't show up after them. Okay, now you've got the dope. For two years, this whole thing has been kept quiet, but since there has been virtually no pressure on these fish, a few more boats getting in on the action wouldn't hurt. With the almost total absence of bass and blues in the western sound, a few days of light tackle casting could sure come in handy.

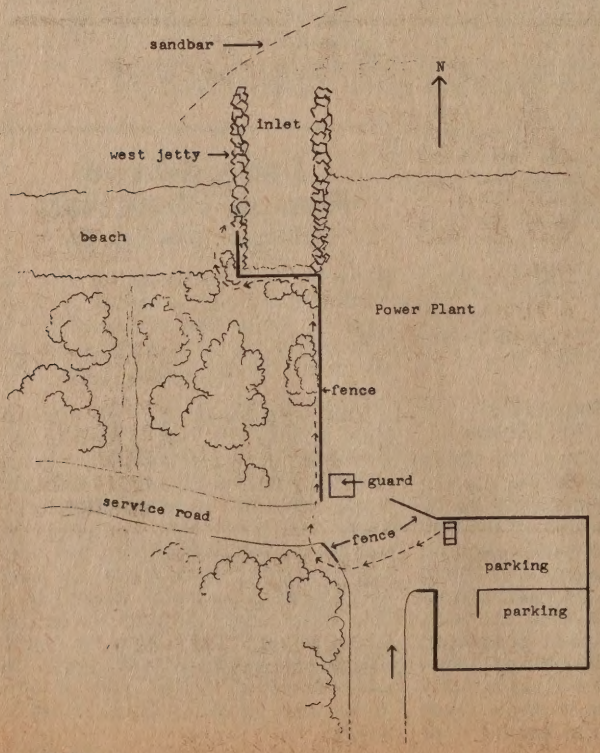
Surf Side with Gerald Hahn

Shoreham's West Jetty

A Worthwhile Hike

Up to the end of 1975, there were two jetties for fishing at Shoreham, on Long Island's north shore near Wading River. Then Lilco, who has a power plant facing the jetty, began work on an outflow system and closed off the east jetty and adjacent beach. Presently, construction is still going on. Before then, the east jetty was one of the best for porgy fishing during the summer and bluefish in the fall. Occasional thirty to forty pound striped bass were caught here, as well. In 1974, a huge school of ten to fifteen pound choppers invaded and chased mossbunker around both jetties. The action was so frantic that the Lilco employees brought fishing gear to work and ran out during their coffee breaks to catch these monsters in three feet of water. Although the following season was slower, every time I fished there (from August to November), I saw at least one eight to twelve pound bluefish caught. Porgy fishing was excellent as well, during both seasons. During those years, I noticed that a few anglers working the west jetty often caught more blues than the throngs on our side; but it seemed inaccessible unless you had a beach vehicle. After talking to some locals, I discovered that it is possible—though a bit difficult—to walk around the plant "through the brush" to the west side. Since then, I have made the half mile trek dozens of times.

"Why bother?" you may ask. To be sure, there are many good fishing spots on the north shore with parking nearby. But having fished countless times for these species from various north shore beaches, I find that the hike to Shoreham is worth the effort. Usually a surfcaster considers it a good day when he catches ten porgies over an entire tide. At Shoreham, I can catch ten porgies in a fraction of the time on a **bad** day. There are three reasons for this: (1) nobody fishes here; (2) it is the longest jetty in the vicinity, projecting into the Sound about as far as Shinnecock Inlet extends into the Atlantic—which means deep water, and (3) a sand bar is within casting distance of the jetty (see map).



Although Shoreham did not produce many bluefish in 1976, porgies were there for the taking. This past season, most of the porgies I caught were over a pound, with several humpbacks mixed in. Frequently, I caught almost as many as when fishing for them from a boat. Predators seemed spotty again this fall, but unfortunately, other matters prevented me from fishing during this period as often as in the past, and I could not verify it. Boat fishermen, however, did an excellent job on them throughout the season, trolling about a mile or two offshore. The point is that during both seasons I often had the entire jetty to myself or shared it with a few others, a far cry from the old days when thirty to forty people crowded the rocks.

Before proceeding with fishing methods, perhaps I should describe the trip. To get to Shoreham, take the LIE to exit 68, William Floyd Parkway. Head north to the end, Rte. 25A, then east (right turn) a few miles toward Wading River. At the first traffic light, Wading River Manor Road, turn left and go for one mile, bearing left at any fork in the road until you reach town. Just past a duck pond on your left and post office on your right, you will come to an irregular intersection. Take a diagonal left onto North Country Rd., and continue for one mile to the first traffic light. Turn right and you will see the plant. Drive up toward the guard at the entrance gate but before reaching him, turn right where there are two parking areas.

Now comes the fun: the hike to the jetty. Follow the arrows on the map, crossing the Lilco service road and stay next to the fence at all times. You will soon come to dense overgrowth—shrubs, trees, thorns—and you will feel like you're on an African Safari. There are three clusters of this vegetation pushing against the fence, especially in the summer. But with a little patience, there will be no problem. Do not go around the left side of the trees; the land slopes downhill and the area is tidal wetland and bog.

As long as you stay next to the fence, you will reach the jetty in short order. When you arrive at the beach, walk to the end of the jetty. The hike can be made at night as well, the plant providing good illumination. Generally, it takes me about fifteen minutes.

I usually bring along two spinning rods: a nine foot surf rod for bluefishing and a seven-and-a-half foot medium action rod for porgies. I use an intermediate surf spinning reel; e.g., the Garcia 306 or Olympic Spark 200, filled with twenty pound test mono. Any equivalent reel will do for the surf rod. The other rod has a smaller reel, perhaps the Garcia 300 or 324 filled with ten pound test.

I prepare my rigs in advance. The bluefish rig consists of a fifteen inch length of fifty pound test leader, an 8/0 Siwash hook with "Scott Simons' sliding stinger hook," a 2/0 bait holder about two inches below. Chunk bait, especially the frozen variety, tends to fall apart and the extra hook, buried inside, keeps it together for longer periods. A three-way swivel connects the main line and leader. The remaining eye is used for tying the sinker about six to eight inches below with twenty pound test mono. I avoid wire leaders, particularly when fishing in the dark. Plastic-coated, braided wire has a tendency to fray and suddenly a rig or lure goes flying to Connecticut.

The porgy rig consists of two small bait holder hooks tied together, one twelve-inch snelled leader (thirty pound test) to the middle of the other. A snap swivel connects everything, including the sinker, keeping the hooks right on the bottom. Snags are rare here. On a calm day, one ounce bank sinkers are adequate for both rigs; two or three ounce when the water is rough.

The best bait for blues at Shoreham is chunk bait, bunker or mackerel. Later in the fall, I may switch to live eels on a bass rig which will also take bluefish. There was a time when you could snag fresh bunker with a weighted treble hook. You could hear them slapping the surface at night in the inlet. At dawn, vast schools would convert flat water to churning froth. Unfortunately, commercial fishermen reduced their numbers greatly and frozen bunker is often the only alternative if you cannot buy

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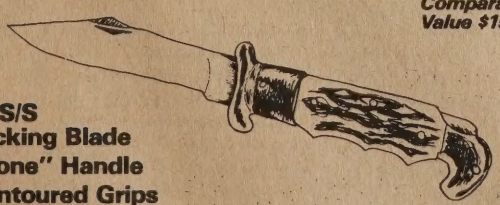

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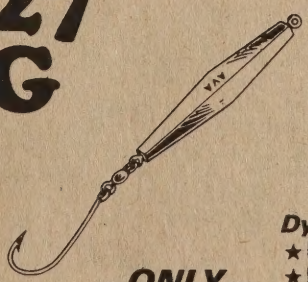

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Mid-Summer Fluke

Mid-summer is when subtle changes take place in the behavior pattern of fluke. This may not be noticeable to those who fish only when the mood urges; but dedicated fluke hunters are aware the summer flatties are now beginning to pay heed to Nature's quiet warnings that, indeed, their brief visit to coastal waters is fast coming to an end. And because of this, no longer do experienced fishermen expect most of their action in the close confines of inshore bays. These fellows realize that to do so now may prove quite disappointing; therefore, many of these fishermen look for fluke near the ocean inlets. They also know this migration from shallow inshore waters can be quite sudden—overnight, in fact. I recall several summers ago when Nick Hauck and I were doing a lot of skiff fishing for fluke near the South Channel Bridge at Rockaway. We began fishing the area about mid-July that year, and as the days passed each succeeding trip produced more and more fluke: starting from a low of four fish, it increased steadily until on the last day of July we boated nineteen keepers. We figured that with this good fishing on tap, it was time we let other guys in on the action. That evening I got in touch with Artie Leidecker and Al Dunn, my other fishing buddies, and made arrangements for them to meet us the following morning. We will slay the fish, I told them.

Well, we didn't slay the fish. In fact, we didn't get a one. When Artie realized the reason behind our disappointment, he returned to his old Mr. Nice Guy image. "Boy! You guys! Didn't you jerks realize the fish you've been catching all week were on their way to Rockaway Inlet? If we stay here we won't get another one. Dopes! Both of you!"

Outside of throwing him overboard, there was nothing much we could say about that for, of course, he was right. The fish had moved and after Artie so calmly pointed it out, I realized, too, that our steady catch increase was due to the fish's migration from the shallower confines of the bay. Those fluke had been using the channel as a migration route and all Nick and I had been doing for the last week was intercepting them as they went by.

I know August fluke migrations to the inlets are in Nature's scheme of things, but that had been the first time in my experience it had occurred so early in the season. Artie had his own ideas on this. He said when earlier than usual migrations are noted, a spell of extremely bad weather can be expected. He was right again, for during the third week of August we had a hurricane that really tore things up along the Atlantic Coast.

I'm convinced Nature wanted to clear the shallows of migrating fish before she lowered the boom. I remember striper fishing went into a sharp decline for weeks after and really never got off the ground until November. Blues remained scattered all fall. It was tough going for everyone. Oh, well ... be of good cheer. Nature is still the boss. We must learn to accept it.

What I like best about inlet fluke fishing in mid-August is that the chances of catching better-size fish are always good. You will find fewer throwbacks, too. Those fish that were borderline fourteen inchers in early summer will have added an inch or more. Certainly they will be fat, for they greedily stuff themselves in preparation for that long trek back to the Continental Shelf, there to pass the winter and propagate the species.

Now is the time to get in on that action!

It has always been my firm belief that medium-weight conventional or spinning tackle is best to use when inlet fishing. There are a couple of good reasons for this: those fluke you catch are quite likely to be a bit larger than the average-sized fish you've been catching during the early part of the season. Don't be surprised if you catch your largest fluke of the year at this time. Under ordinary conditions you would have no trouble handling one of these larger fish on light spinning tackle, but inlet fishing is not ordinary fishing.

For one thing, you've got to contend with stronger than normal currents, and the wind often has full sweep in these places. This combination makes for faster drifts a good deal of the time which, in turn, makes heavier sinkers necessary. In order to handle that extra weight, a weight which on occasion may go to as much as eight ounces, you've got to have a rod with backbone to handle even a three pound fluke. Fortunately, most times you can get by with a three or four ounce bank sinker; but should more be needed, you'll find light tackle leaves much to be desired. In fact, it may well spoil your day.

And don't figure you can get around this problem by anchoring. Not only is this dangerous in such places, but anchoring will avail you naught when it comes to enticing inlet fluke to the baited hook. You've got to cover ground and go to the fish. They won't come to you unless you're lucky enough to anchor over a fluke-feeding lane—which does occasionally happen, but don't count on it.

Fifteen pound test mono will do okay, although some fishermen who use conventional tackle prefer twenty. But I won't quibble about it, for in this respect, I feel it is more important to have the correct terminal tackle going for you than splitting hairs on mono strength.

I have found leader length is most important when inlet fluke fishing. In my estimation, the average store-bought fluke leader is much too short for this fishing. Use this stuff for inside the bay fishing if you must, but leave it in your tackle box when drifting or casting around inlets. My preference in this instance has always been a four foot leader. Why this extra length should make a difference, I don't know; but I'm almost certain it has something to do with bait presentation.

I know four-foot leaders are hard to come by, but if you add an ordinary snelled 4/0 Carlisle hook to a three-foot leader, you will be close enough. Joining two eighteen inch leaders, plus the hook will also give you the same result. The only trouble here is that you have the annoyance of potential weed-snagging knots and around inlets this can sometimes be a problem.

Anyway, for now make do with the above, but as soon as possible drop a card to Midland Tackle Company, 66 Route 17, Sloatsburg, New York 10974, and request one of their free catalogs. In it you will find a listing of forty-seven inch lengths of hook snelling material in various weights. This is your leader material. When a loose hook is snelled to one end of a twenty pound test leader and a Perfection Loop made in the other, the result will be close enough.

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Place your leader about three inches above the sinker. You'll find when doing this, it is best if you use a 1/0 three-way swivel to avoid possible twisting and snarling in the tide-way. When rigging up, it is better to use improved clinch knots rather than the common double-overhand loop many fishermen depend upon. But if you must use the overhand loop, make sure the knot is pulled up slowly so that it seats evenly and the strain is divided. Failure to do this may cause the material to cut into itself if a large fluke is hooked. I've seen this calamity happen with cod, but never with fluke; however, this isn't to say it can't happen. Why take unnessary chances?

Fishermen use a variety of baits for fluke ranging from live baits such as killies and small snappers, to strips cut from squid, fluke belly, and sea robin tails. In fact, just about any fish strip will produce. Frozen spearing and sand eel have put many a fluke in the bucket. Of all these, however, I don't believe there is a finer bait for inlet fluke than sand eel, with live killies and small live snappers running a close second. If I had to choose, I'd probably settle on sand eel, especially when these can be seen

swimming just below the surface.

Frozen baits can become difficult to use because they have a tendency to soften when thawed. But if the hook is run through the eyes and then again about mid-point in the body, it should do the trick. If the bait slides down the shank, try hooking it only through the head. If you do this, make sure to give the fluke plenty of time to get it down. Remember, that bait is soft and any pressure applied by you against the fish's weight before it has swallowed that bait will only make it easier for the fluke to wrench it free.

Fish strips should be cut into pennant-like slices and hooked once at the widest end and allowed to flutter along the bottom. Jig with six inch lifts of the rod tip as you drift along. Not only is this more attractive to the fluke, but you will be better able to feel the fish as it latches onto the bait. Don't be over-anxious to set the hook when using fish strips. Let the fluke do it for you.

So far everything written pertains to boat fishing. But what about those fellows who, for one reason or another, do their fishing from shore? No problem, really, for what you've just read can also be applied by shore fishermen with but minor variations. Granted, boat fishermen have an edge most times. I say "most times," because I've seen days when shore fishermen in the same area outfished the guys in boats. It is how you present the bait that counts. Fluke, or any fish for that matter, do not care one bit if you are equipped with the finest example of the tackle-makers art. What they are interested in, though, is how natural-like you can make that bait appear. Satisfy them in this respect and you'll get action.

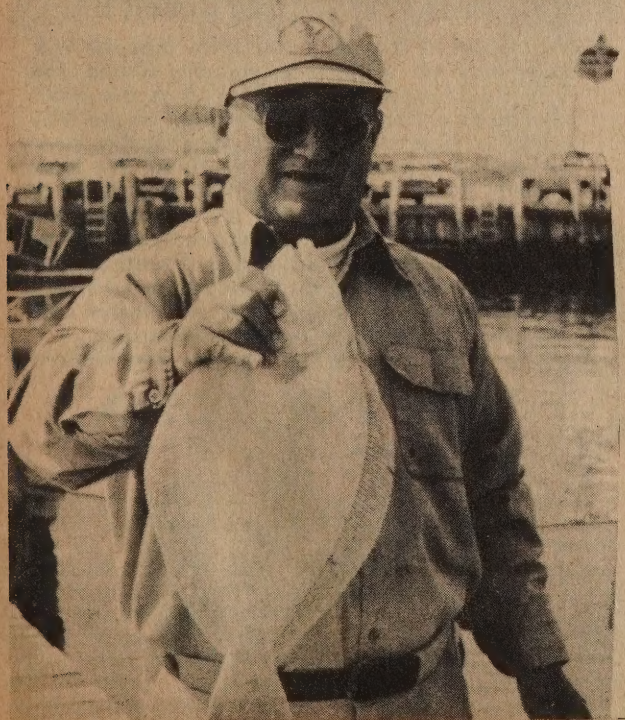
If you intend to try your luck from shore around the inlet areas, you must be prepared to do much casting. (Bring extra hooks and sinkers!) You cannot just cast out and let that bait lie dead on bottom. You've got to simulate the effect given by a drifting boat and the only way the shore fisherman can do this is by casting and jigging—and more casting and jigging.

Don't become discouraged if immediate action isn't forthcoming. It will come, but you've got to work hard for your fish. Once that first one is landed, there will be more in the general area.

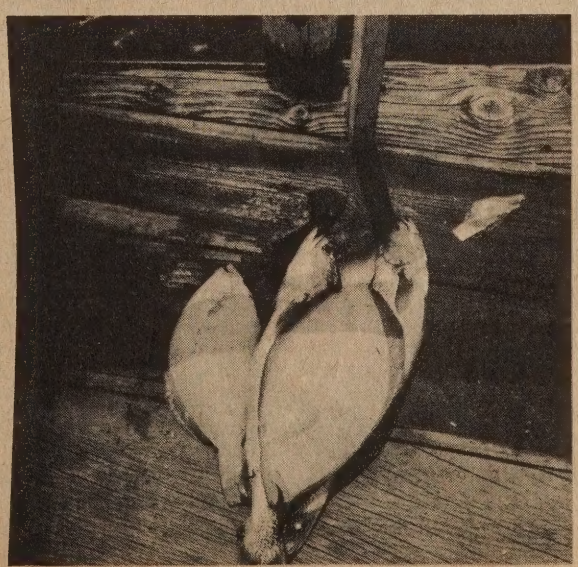
Shore fishing for fluke around inlets can be tough going at times, but it can also be enjoyable, too. There's an awful lot of fishermen who catch an awful lot of fluke from shore everyday. And they don't mind it one bit.

Small boats drifting the inlets can really score.

Shore fishermen can score well, too in mid-summer.



Nice size fluke like this one can be caught by shore fishermen who fish the inlets in mid-summer.



Both shore fishermen and boat fishermen can often produce mixed catches this time of year.

INSHORE FISHING

with Scott J. Simons

IS FLUKE FISHING DETERIORATING?

I don't think that there is any doubt that the fluke fishing hasn't been exactly great this year. In virtually every area that has been a "hotspot" for fluke in the past, the fishing has been down considerably—all of the south shore bays, the New York Bight, Montauk, the north shore, etc. But this shouldn't surprise anyone, because we are only seeing a continuation of the deteriorating fluke fishing that began about five years ago, when the action peaked after a remarkable comeback from the fluke-drought years of the mid and late 1960s. At the rate we are going, I'm afraid that we will be seeing another fluke drought within the next two or three years. One year the fluke just won't show up at all in May and June! In no area is this deterioration in the fluke fishing more evident than at Montauk. Back in the banner years of 1973 and 1974, which now appears to have been the peak of the fluke fishing out East, the fluking was better numerically than flounder fishing. Fishing alone in my small boat, my personal record for fishing the rips at Midway was eighty-one fluke. With weather and fishing conditions cooperating, I usually averaged fifty or sixty fluke fishing only a single tide (incoming was always most productive) and on a "bad" day would sulk home with between thirty and forty. Looking back on it, I was probably beginning to get bored with fluke fishing because there just wasn't any challenge left to catching them. I reached a point where I was fishing with three rods, and once I had figured out how to coordinate baiting up, letting down, reeling in and netting fluke three at a time, all the fun went out of it. Every drift brought a pick-up: if you made two drifts without a hit, you began to panic! On several occasions I had double-headers of fluke on tandem hook rigs—which shows you how thick they were and what the competition for eating was at the time.

Slowly, over the last four or five years, the fishing started to go downhill. Each year there wouldn't be as many as the last, and they became progressively harder to catch. Eventually I stopped concentrating on fluke, waiting for things to get better. At first we blamed it on the abundance of sand eels in the water, then on the Russians cleaning them out on their wintering grounds. But I think it has become obvious at this point that the fish are definitely in a down cycle, and there is nothing we can do about it. But for the next two or three years we can still find some good fluking—only you'll just have to work harder at it! So this week and next I'm going to pass on a few tips that may help you to improve your score a little.

First word of advice: get the hell away from the crowds! If you are competing with a vast armada of small boats for the few fluke available you're just not going to catch very good. Have you been fishing in the middle of the Mosquito Fleet in Jones Inlet on a Sunday morning? If you are, try dragging a rigged eel behind your boat as you drift—your chances of picking up a white marlin are almost as good as making a good score with fluke. Now I'm not saying don't fish the inlets, because they are probably the best areas to catch fish in August and September. But try fishing them when the traffic (and competition) is down. Instead of arriving in the morning with the rest of the mob scene, sleep late Saturday and Sunday morning and don't leave the dock until two or three in the afternoon. Or leave before first light so that you are fishing at sunrise and can get in an hour or two of action before the water becomes Wake City from the boat traffic. The best fluke fishing will almost always be late in the week, weather permitting. By Wednesday or Thursday, the water has recovered from the weekend commotion and the fluke aren't afraid of getting cut to ribbons by someone's propeller. Unfortunately, everyone can't fish weekdays; but if you have a few sick days coming to you where you work, it might not be a bad idea to get sick on a weekday in mid or late August so that you can recover with a little relaxing fluke fishing.

Try different fishing methods! If you are still drifting down mid-channel with a killie and squid combo bait, your catches this year probably haven't been very impressive. Fish the flats and dropoffs! Although the fluke fishing in the Moriches Bay area wasn't all that great in late July, I know that the local fluke "sharpies" will still be making very good catches by concentrating on the flats where the fish are plentiful and there is little boat traffic. The real hotspots are always the points where the water gets deeper at the edge of a flat:the "dropoffs." Try this next time you're out: first, get a quart of live killies and find yourself a nice dropoff. These can easily be located by studying a nautical chart for the area. If it's on the edge of a channel, you will always be on the wrong side of the buoys or channel markers. These dropoffs should always be fished when the tide and current is moving the water off the top of the flats into the deeper water. The moving water will sweep small baitfish and grass shrimp over the dropoff, and the fluke will usually lie right along the depth change to feed.

Quietly move onto the flats and anchor up no more than fifty feet from the dropoff. Use light tackle like a one-handed spinning reel loaded with six or ten pound test monofilament line. The rig is a small No. 1 to 3 wire hook, like an Eagle Claw or beak pattern. Use a three foot leader tied directly to the line and put a few small split shot or a clinch sinker above the knot. The killie is hooked lightly in the lips. Let the killie swim in the current, but don't just let out some line and stop! You want to "walk" the live bait down the dropoff to where the fluke are. So keep letting out line slowly, without creating excessive slack line. When you think that you have passed the dropoff, slowly reel the killie back in and start over again.

Next week we'll talk about different baits to use that may improve your catch of fluke, and one of the most little used, but effective method for catching them—chumming!

SECRETARY KREPS REFUSES TO APPOINT SCOTT SIMONS TO MID-ATLANTIC FISHERY

We regret to inform our readers that the U.S. Secretary of Commerce, Juanita Kreps, has refused to appoint Scott Simons as the sportfishing representive for New York to the Mid-Atlantic Regional Council despite the overwhelming support he has received. We have asked Congressman Norman F. Lent to inquire as to the reasons for the reappointment of all 19 incumbant representatives despite this wide spread public dissatisfaction with the New York representation. L.I.F. will have further information and an editorial concerning this matter in next week's issue.

TIME FOR TUNA

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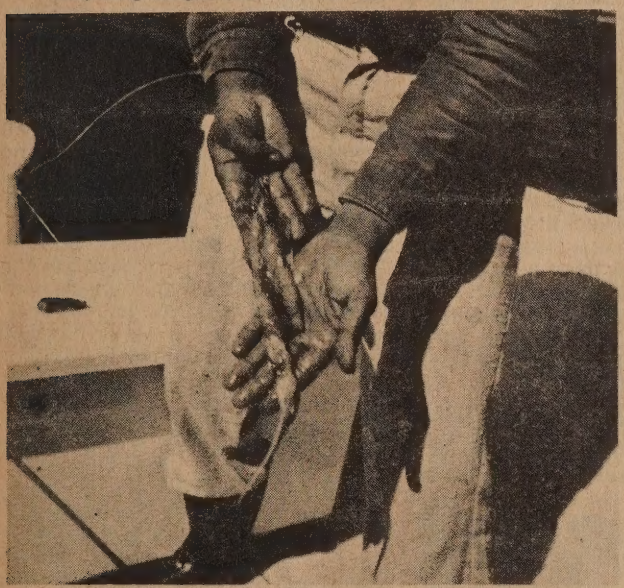
sure to apply for a certificate now! In our area, the runs are apt to develop suddenly and end just as quickly. Without the certificate you cannot fish legally, and last year there was active enforcement of the requirement to have both certificate and log book aboard while tuna fishing. It takes at least a week to receive the certificate and you risk being left at the dock when fishing breaks open if you don't take care of this simple request right now! Naturally, if you charter, this requirement will be taken care of by the skipper. If you want to beat the local season and get in on the usually hot July action in Massachusetts Bay, I can recommend Don Stott's "Cookie Too," skippered by Eddie Murray, Portside Marina, (617) 281-3022.

A long strip of squid is a good "starter" bait for fluke. Anything caught with it is then cut into strip baits.

The author holds a nice 4-pounder that took a squid strip.



Whole rigged squid are excellent fluke bait for the larger doormats found in the ocean and deep holes in bays.

The danger of using a tandem hook rig. Notice one of the hooks protruding from the net, just waiting to dig in.

A fresh strip bait cut from a small fluke is one of the most productive baits that you can use for fluke.

When the fluke takes the bait deep in his throat a hook disgorger is the only way to get it back again.

Summer Doldrums? Try Peconic Porgies!

by Gerald Hahn

At this time of the season, daytime fishing often slows to a crawl. Gone are the variety of spring run predators, bass and weaks, along with many bottom feeders, blacks and flounders. Blues are too erratic and require much time in deeper waters. Snappers are only about six inches long and blue claws are just beginning to hang around the piers and bridges. Two species are the mainstay for the small boat operator who works the bays in August: fluke on the South Shore and porgies on the North. If you are beginning to get depressed from hot, hitless, daytime shore fishing, this is an excellent time to fill up a bushel with porgies in Peconic Bay. You may have missed the humpbacks here in May and June, but bay porgies are all over the Peconics. And what pleases me most—little boat traffic, especially on weekdays.

Peconic Bay forms the fork in eastern Long Island that eventually takes you to Montauk or Orient Point. To the east is Gardiner's Bay. There are a number of fishing stations spread out along the North and South Forks: on the south side—Hampton Bays, Shinnecock and Noyack; on the north—Jamesport, New Suffolk and Southold. Check the ads in the LIF. The Bay is defined by two islands: to the west—Robin's Island and eastward, Shelter Island. Plan to fish one part or the other because it's over nine miles from the Shinnecock Canal to Shelter Island and about five miles between the two islands.

A word about tackle first. Unlike many South Shore bays which are shallow, Peconic Bay has deep areas ranging from sixty to one hundred feet. The bottom structure varies considerably: from sand, gravel, and mud to rock strewn. This is why it harbors a greater variety of fish; but it also requires heavier gear. Although I do love going ultra-light for fluke in the South Shore flats, here it will be futile, especially if a breeze is kicking up the suds. When I first began to fish Peconic Bay, I used to bring along two rods: a medium spinner and a conventional boat rod. Inevitably, I detected more hits and caught more fish on the conventional outfit. To be sure, the rod is much stiffer but, surprisingly, porgy taps are more visible on it than on a spinning rod that is bobbing like a seesaw under the necessary weight. Use a five foot boat rod with a 2/0 conventional reel filled with fifteen to twenty pound test mono. Although you will probably find more porgies in the twenty to thirty foot depths rather than in the deeper parts, between wind, current, and tide, you want something that gets down fast and stays down; sinkers will have to range from three to eight ounces.

There are two basic methods to catch porgies: anchoring with chum (crushed clams, mussels, etc.) and drifting. Many anglers combine both; e.g., drifting until they get a hit, then anchoring until the bottom runs dry, and then repeating the process. I prefer drifting especially if the water is choppy. For some reason, this results in less stolen bait and more hook-ups. For some reason, this results in less stolen bait and more hook-ups. Porgies have small mouths and love to grab the tip of a relatively stationary bait. Before you realize what's happening, it's too late. On the drift, however, they become more aggressive and often, deep hooked, double-headers are pulled in. Of course, drifting involves more effort and a fair amount of "travel time," but it also offers greater potential. Either way, you have a choice of two basic rigs.

Drifting: take a four foot length of twenty pound test leader and tie it to the main line via a three-way swivel with another clinch knot. You can buy pre-snelled bait holder hooks or snell your own. Use #1 hooks and snell these with twelve inch lengths of the same leader, finishing off with end loops. Tie the two snelled hooks together as per the oft-mentioned two-hook flounder rig, one leader to the middle of the other. Place the hooks and sinker on the snap. When drifting, add a top hook using a 2/0 bait holder hook snelled to a three-and-a-half foot length of the same leader. Loop the other end and slip it through the third eye of the three-way swivel. This hook is not meant for porgies; you may run into a weakfish, fluke, or school blue. At worst, it will not interfere with the porgy rig below.

Anchoring: This rig is a modified high-low. Tie the sinker directly to the end of the main line. Place the snelled bottom hook about three inches above the sinker with a dropper loop, and the top hook, a little more than a foot above with a second dropper loop. This rig is absolute simplicity—no hardware. Party boats use this rig in Peconic Bay and they should know.

Although porgies will take clam and small bits of squid, the best bait to use for bay fishing is the sand worm. I realize they are expensive and I will even suggest you pay a few cents more and buy them directly from the fishing station. Many tackle shops charge about the same price, but the worms are often too small. The fishing stations want you to catch fish and they will give you large, fat worms; frequently they throw in extras. Two dozen of these should hold you. Cut them into three or four, one-inch segments and leave no excess dangling from the hook. The top hook on the long leader can be baited with a long strip of squid or other strip bait, any bait fish—or better, a large sand worm carefully threaded over the eye of the hook and with a long tail trailing in the current. Bring along a net if you plan to drift. Also a raincoat if it's windy. Peconic Bay will produce whether it's mild or windy, but on a rough day you will become wet, cold, and miserable every time you move your boat.

Porgies will strike during either tide as long as the water is moving. Take advantage of the slack and move to another area, if you like to explore. There are three major areas, excellent spots in all: Robins Island, Shelter Island, and the Middle Grounds.

Robin's Island: The most popular area here is the South Race between Robin's and Cow Neck. You can fish near the sand bar off the southern tip of Robin's or south of here along buoys 25 or 26. Heading southwest toward the Shinnecock Canal, buoys 28-32 are all worth investigating. On the west side of Robin's, try buoy 4 near Robin's Island Rock; you may pick up a few kingfish as a bonus here. Few anglers fish the north side of Robin's and this is a mistake. On the outgoing tide, a long sand bar extends almost to the New Suffolk shore. You can fish the west side of this bar from the rocks off New Suffolk right up to Robin's. East of the Island is Nassau Point, with another sand bar off the southern tip of Nassau. Again, you can work near the bar or adjacent to buoys 22 and 23 to the south and west. South/southeast of Nassau Point is a long indentation called Rose's Grove. A radio tower here can be lined up with a white house on the tip of Nassau,

drifting on the south side of the buoys. Nearby on the ebb, a sand ledge becomes visible running north-south. Anchor in the deep water just north of the ledge, and chum.

Shelter Island: There are many excellent spots on the west side of Shelter Island beginning with buoys 14 and 15 between Shelter Island and Great Hog Neck. On the outgoing tide, a sand bar is visible running west to east from Paradise Point on Great Hog Neck to buoy 12. Work along the edge of the bar or at the buoy. Just east of here is Crab Creek on Shelter Island and the mouth of this creek is worth a try. A little north of Buoy 12, you will see two stately homes on identical green lawns which slope down to shore on Shelter Island. This is an excellent drifting area. If drifting takes you toward the houses, begin by lining up the boat with the buoy on the south and a red house on Southold, to the north. Don't be afraid to drift fairly close to shore—the dropoff is fast here. Northwest of Shelter Island is an area dubbed "the Brickyard" on Southold, just east of the red house and channel markers. A pile of rubble is responsible for the title. Again, there is a sharp dropoff as you head toward some rocks off Shelter Island. South of the Island, the water narrows into Shelter Island Sound. Another creek here, west of the ferry, is at the tip of North Haven. Work the mouth of this creek. Further east than this and you wind up in Gardiner's Bay, which would require another article.

Middle Grounds: Between Robin's and Shelter Islands, a highly productive area is the Middle Grounds, between Jessup's Neck and Cedar Beach Point on Great Hog Neck. This area is accessible from almost any fishing station. Tide rips exist north of buoy 17, as well as the bar extending off Jessup's, south of the buoy. Just east and west of this buoy, the water approaches its deepest level (except for the north side of Shelter Island). Working here or between this buoy and buoy 18 to the west, you will probably hit pay dirt. On the west side of Jessup's are two fish trap areas. Party boats often drift here during the spring run of weakfish. Anchor or drift near the end of the second trap to the south.

There are certainly numerous other spots to try in Peconic Bay. Some can be even more productive—if you can find them. For example, there are two sunken barges in deep holes east and west of Robin's which probably harbor more fish than the rest of the Bay—but they are only about sixty feet long. Your anchor line is probably longer than that. Almost all the areas mentioned above will produce porgies in mid-summer. And with tidal changes, you have a decent chance at a predator. There is nothing like coming home with a mess of porgies. It gives you a better perspective on fishing during the summer doldrums.

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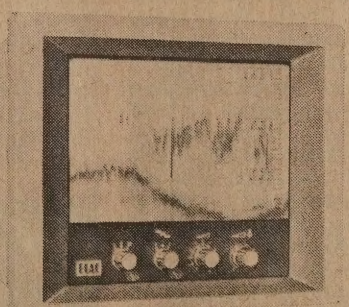

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NORTH FORK FLUKE— DOORMATS & PLAICEMATS

by Martin & Janet Garrell

Last year towards the end of June, I was talking about fluke fishing with a young fellow in Warren's Aquebogue tackle store, and his comments were memorable. "Seem to be plenty of fluke hanging off Mattituck Inlet, but catching those &#*!!! things is something else. All we did the other evening was feed 'em boxes of sand eels!"

I had to smile to myself because, two weeks before, I had been the victim of similar fluke non-cooperation in that same area. Fortunately, my companion that day had been my father-in-law, a wise Texas-style flounder fisherman, who had fished southern flounder for years on the Gulf Coast. After watching me do nothing but change chopped sand eels and reel sea robins aboard while he was boating several nice three pound fluke, he suggested that I try a lighter sinker and a fifteen second dropback. That advice saved the day for me, and I put a couple of keepers into the ice chest soon afterwards.

North Fork fluke confound many anglers like the fellow in the Aquebogue store for two good reasons. The first is simply unfamiliarity. Because fluke have been scarce in our waters from the late 1950s until about three years ago, relatively few anglers bothered to fish specifically for them during that time. Although doormats are taken often enough during the weakfish run from Jessup's Neck and Greenlawns off Shelter Island, and although Port of Egypt livery in Southold exhibits many polaroid shots of summer flounder over ten pounds taken by skiff anglers, these fish are almost without exception taken by weakfish or porgy anglers who just happen to catch them while soaking a squid strip or clam morsel. The second reason is the lack of aggressiveness of fluke in our waters. When compared to their counterparts taken from shallower southern bays like Shinnecock or Great South Bay and from ocean inlets, our fluke seem much less greedy in taking baits. Perhaps an over-abundance of sand eels or spearing is responsible, or perhaps we find many fluke in resting zones rather than feeding zones. In any case, North Fork fluke fishermen need especially sensitive fishing techniques to be successful.

Two bodies of summer flounder, **Paralichthys dentatus**, comprise the summer run out East: one body shows up in strength in Little Peconic Bay, Southold Bay, and in waters around Shelter Island as the run of tiderunner weakfish tapers off in early June. These fluke, running up to fifteen pounds, but averaging about three pounds, remain for more than a month; but the center of population shifts gradually eastward as the Peconic Bays warm up. The second body of fluke, running to perhaps eight pounds, but averaging less than three pounds, appears around Mattituck Inlet in the Sound about two weeks after Memorial Day and works eastward over the next two months. From late June through July, fluke in this second group may be found feeding on concentrations of sand eels anywhere between Kenney's Beach in Southold and Petty's Bight off Orient. During August, the two waves coalesce, and substantial catches are reported from many places within the triangle bounded by Plum Island, Gardiner's Island, and East Marion.

Fishing for North Fork fluke requires specialized terminal tackle. Our fluke rigs are usually of the long-leadered (thirty to forty-two inches), tandem hook variety advocated by Scott Simons and sketched in Figure 1. We prefer a relatively small hook, size #2 to #6, for the stinger, with a #3/0 to #1 hook in front, and we also slide a

Roy Wendel, Jan's father, caught this brace of summer flounder near Mattituck Inlet last June.

Larry Strait, a freshwater trout fisherman, took this brace of fish near Kenney's Beach last season. The larger fish weighed nearly five-pounds.

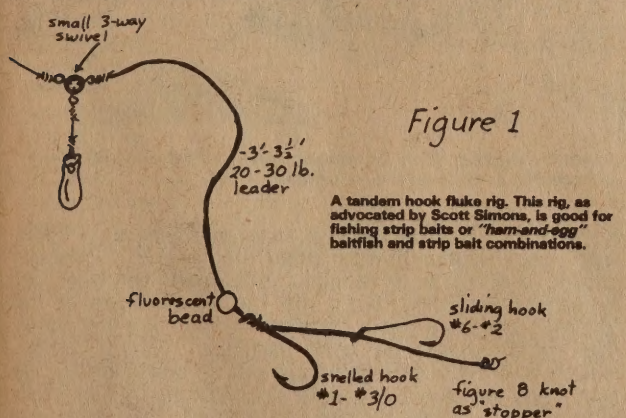
fluorescent bead onto the leader ahead of the hooks. This rig, tied on twenty pound material, is ideal for fishing strip baits or "ham-and-egg" sandwiches of strips plus sand eels or strips plus killies, but we go to larger hook sizes, up to #5/0, and heavier leader material, up to thirty pounds, when live snapper baits or baby bunker are available. For fishing large baits, we snell both hooks of the tandem, instead of letting the stinger slide against a figure eight stopper knot. A three-way swivel tied to a one to four ounce bank sinker and coupling both line and tandem leader completes the rig unless the fluke are especially picky and feeding in shallow waters. In that case, we tie the sinker to one eye of a tiny barrel swivel with a six inch length of light monofil, as shown in Figure 2. The other eye of the swivel is slipped onto the main line, which terminates in a larger swivel. The tandem leader may be tied to that last large swivel, and the rig will slide smoothly away from the sinker when the fluke picks up the bait. Yet another modification to the standard rig may be made when the fish are in deep waters with cluttered bottoms. In this instance, we shorten the tandem leader to twenty-four inches or less and lengthen the distance between the bank sinker and the three-way swivel to fourteen inches or more. This creates a quasi-high-hook rig.

From Southold's Bill Golder, former skipper of the charter boat "Lucky Girl" out of Greenport, come some excellent additional tips. Golder, who takes hundreds of fluke from east end waters, likes to fish for doormats with whole smelt on #5/0 hooks, preceded by large double spinners. Fluke and sea robin belly strips rank behind smelt baits on the preference list for big fluke, according to Golder. For smaller fluke, he prefers a lively killie plus a strip bait, just as we do. Incidentally, our local bait shops do not carry live killies, so fluke fishermen must either catch their own or buy them elsewhere.

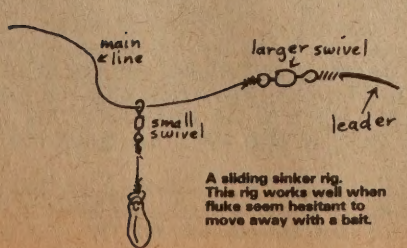
Rigging properly for fluke is one thing, but hooking the fish consistently is quite another. For a long time, we believed that freshwater trout fishermen were best suited to learning the tricky hooking routine. We took several youngsters who were skilled worm fishermen out fluking and watched them score. Larry Strait of Lake Placid, who professes to be a nymph and streamer fisherman, is deadly on fluke too, whenever he joins us. But in early August two years ago, we took a trout fisherman from Newburgh out on his first fluke trip off Kenney's Beach and watched him drop one fish after another. He was, unfortunately, addicted to the hesitation and wrist-snap hooking technique of the typical dry-fly fisherman! Whether one uses the ten second free-spool dropback which we like, or the dip-the-rod-and-wait-til-the-slack-is-out technique that others use, slack line following the actual setting of the hook must be avoided at all costs. For the man with heavy tackle—twenty pounds and up—a sharp lifting and striking action in setting the hook is proper. However, if a person fishes light six to twelve pound tackle, which we prefer, it seems more efficient to arch the rod and let the struggling flattie drive the sharpened barb home. Light gear is great for detecting delicate bites, but elastic lines and soft rods cannot set large hooks efficiently in a summer flounder's bony jaw corners, and repeated, abrupt striking with light tackle just seems to invite old man fluke to spit out the works because of the slack line that develops between jerks of the rod.

A last word on netting is in order. Most east end natives carry nets large enough to tuck away a tiderunner weakfish or a good-sized bass, and these nets are adequate for doormats. The trick is to have the net absolutely ready when an angler steers a big fluke off the bottom and the fish glides toward the mesh. Last August, I waited helplessly for a friend to wield the net when my best fluke of the season came up through the murky waters of an inlet. He never saw the fish, which swirled and coughed up the snapper bait at boat-side, but I think he noted the thunder-clouds which darkened my brow.

Terrible thoughts passed through my mind at that moment and fortunately I refrained from expressing them, so that he remains one of my best friends. The big summer flounder of the North Fork certainly do strange things to rational people sometimes; but for all the frustrations they cause, they are well worth the angler's time and trouble.



A tandem hook fluke rig. This rig, as advocated by Scott Simons, is good for fishing strip baits or *"ham-and-egg"* baitfish and strip bait combinations.



A sliding sinker rig. This rig works well when fluke seem hesitant to move away with a bait.

Shoreham's West Jetty

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mackerel. Sometimes whole snappers, bergalls, or strips of sea robin will work. But in general, chunk bait works best here. For porgies, sand worms or bloodworms are by far the best baits. Use small pieces and do not let any trail below the point; porgies are very fast here.

I fish for game fish from night till dawn. At times, I prefer to plug using a variety of artificials: swimmers, poppers, tin, and lead-head bucktails from one to one-and-a-half ounces. If plugging has not produced by dawn, I switch to bait, set the drag light, and wedge the rod between some rocks. Generally, I check the bait every ten to fifteen minutes. Then I start fishing with the second rod for porgies, holding onto it because the action is typically fast—double-headers often the case. If you want some real action, use a light five to six foot rod, a small reel and six pound test.

The best fishing here takes place at dawn with an incoming tide. Even on the ebb, however, as long as the water is moving, porgies will start biting with vengeance at the first sign of light. During the day, fish the incoming tide using the tide table for Herod Point, listed under Bridgeport. Bluefishing is best at dawn or night when timed with the peak of the flood. Bring along a gaff. Another feature here: you can fish in strong northerly winds, usually a wipe-out elsewhere on the Sound. Instead of gobs of seaweed or rocks for snagging, the sand bar will keep your bait clear and visible. Strangely enough, the sand bar is most visible at high tide. Occasionally, some fluke are caught here on the worm bait; snappers are abundant from July on, reaching twelve-inch size by September; dogfish also seem to love this area, and some of the largest sea robins in Long Island.

But, in truth, it is difficult to know what will happen to this area once the outflow system is completed. Perhaps it will become a winter haven for striped bass if the pattern follows the outflow at Northport. Bottom fishing may or may not be severely altered. Meanwhile, if you want to boast about a really good day of surfcasting, go on a Safari through the brush and give this jetty a try. If I run into you along the way, I'll call out, "Dr. Livingstone, I presume."

Time for Tuna

by Al Ristori

The one certain thing in fishing is that whenever a group of anglers get together and start discussing which fish is the greatest game fish, there is sure to be a great variety of opinions. Even those fortunate enough to have fished distant waters and tangled with some of the more exotic gamesters are still sure to have different favorites. Of course, there are several qualities that should be considered before according that honor. Some might favor fish that make spectacular jumps, while others will go for great speed and endurance. However, no matter where the final designation falls, few will fail to concede that the bluefin tuna stands at the head of the class in sheer power!

The bluefin never jumps when hooked (though they frequently jump while chasing bait) and doesn't do anything particularly flashy on the end of a line. What he does is an amazing combination of speed, power, and endurance that more than makes up for the lack of aerial acrobatics. Even a relatively small giant tuna can make strong men cry on unlimited tackle. On the other hand, technique is the key to all successful angling and even little old ladies who fight their prey correctly can handle the strongest fish in the seas.

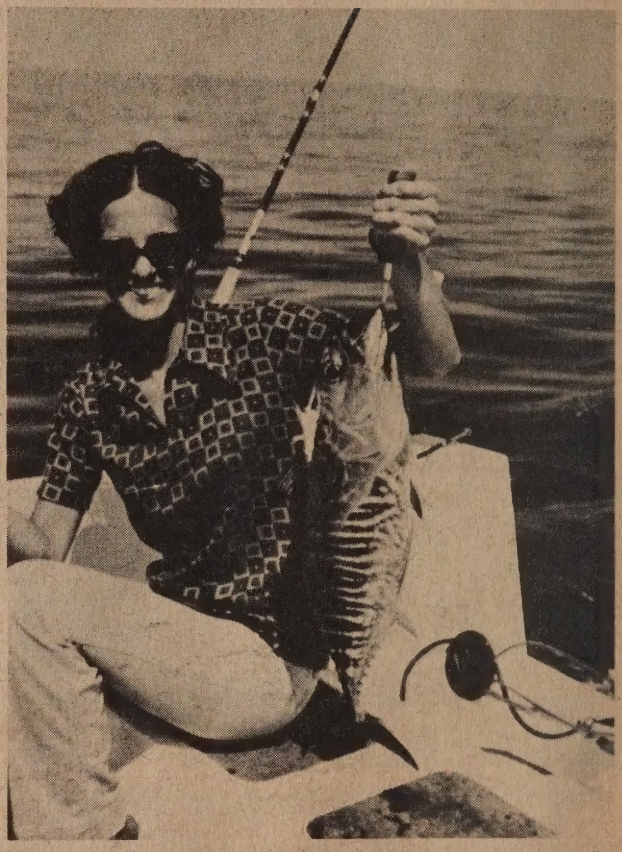
My first giant was a mere baby of 436 pounds, taken from among the Russian trawlers about thirty miles south of Montauk in 1969. Though I've deteriorated considerably since then, I was once the Long Island middleweight weight-lifting champion and figured that I'd have little trouble wrestling with one of these great creatures. Yet, after twenty minutes, I was so tired that I probably would have given up if I didn't know for sure that those "little old ladies" do, indeed, catch these fish on a regular basis. I've taken twenty-eight other giants since then and never suffered as I did during that relatively short forty minute fight. In fact, I've caught two in a day several times and was still ready to tangle with a third. The "secret" isn't strength—it's technique. And that's the reason that virtually anyone can, and should, try giant tuna fishing.

Since 1971, American anglers have been blessed with outstanding giant tuna fishing in Massachusetts Bay. So many Long Island sportsmen sail out of Gloucester in the summer that you feel as if you've never left home when you walk along the docks. Eddie Murray was one of the first to pioneer that area and many other Long Islanders have become regulars. At first, the big contingent would arrive in August, but the fish seem to come in earlier each year and the best of the fishing is now often in July.

As good as the fishing is in Massachusetts Bay, local anglers have no reason to ignore the potential in area waters. At times in the past, the Mud Hole off New York Harbor and the Rhode Island coastline have been the hottest spots on the coast. While this hasn't been true in recent years, there's always the possibility that the pendulum may swing once again. Last year, Montauk enjoyed a great run of tuna which were found in the mud hole area east of Block Island. It was a long run for boats from Montauk and Rhode Island ports, but the size of the fish certainly justified it. During the first couple of weeks of that run, the tuna caught were almost all over 900 pounds—an average size even greater than found in Prince Edward Island. At least three fish over 1000 pounds were boated, including Larry Thompson's 1071 pound American record!

Montauk has had several good runs of giant tuna during the past decade. The first of these was the late summer bonanza behind the Russian trawlers in 1969. Just about everyone who made the long trip offshore hooked up at that time, though a great many fish were lost to inadequate tackle. Since the "window" areas in the 200-Mile zone are much further offshore, it's not likely that we'll experience that particular fishing again. However, American draggers are also an attraction for the giants and we've had a couple of good runs in Butterfish Hole, only about twelve miles off the Point. The last couple of tuna flurries out east have been in the previously noted area about ten miles east of Block Island. The attraction, once again, is an abundance of ling and whiting. The super giants found there don't seem to follow the draggers as closely as the tuna did earlier in the Seventies, but often suddenly appear among the floating discards. While last year's action started in mid-August and lasted into early September, the first run in this area (a couple of years ago) occurred in July and died out in August. That run was composed of much smaller tuna, averaging 350 to 450 pounds.

I suspect that anglers will be working the Block Island grounds even earlier this year in hopes of catching the first giant before the mob arrives. Usually the word gets out



Kathy Ristori with a school tuna trolled aboard the author's *Mako* south of Montauk.

when draggers spot tuna following their nets up. The large fleet of boats working that area turned out to be a good deal for the draggers as the "sports" were paying good money for baskets of small ling and whiting that ordinarily would have simply been dumped. There really isn't anything too complicated about the fishing. Two or three lines are fished at varying depths in the 150 to 180 foot trench. The size of the tuna found there dictates use of the heaviest tackle (130 pounds or more), though skillful anglers have a good chance with eighty pounds. Since there is no very deep water in the area, the fish can hardly strip a reel if the crew is alert. Another advantage is that almost everyone drifts—rather than anchoring, as they now do at Gloucester. With no anchor lines to worry about, your only concern is the lobster pots found in portions of the area.

The chumming technique here is the same as used in Massachusetts Bay. Bait fish are chunked into several pieces and dropped overboard at regular intervals. The basic rule is to throw a piece as soon as the last one is out of sight. There must be enough chum to attract the tuna, but not so much that he'll hang far back in the slick or turn his nose up at the unnaturally hanging baits with the hooks in them. Favored baits for both chunking and the hook are those that can be obtained right on the spot: ling and whiting. In addition to buying them from the draggers, you can catch your own off the bottom. The "spill" from draggers' nets that floats on the surface is a tempting source of bait, but it's best if anglers leave this alone for the tuna to find. Most boats bring at least some bait with them in case they can't find a dragger (most don't work on Friday). Bunkers, herring, and just about anything else will do for both bait and chum. I favor a live whiting as bait, but giants will often pass up such a natural offering to hit a bunker tail or other such out-of-place bait.

About the time that the Montauk charter fleet gets its mind off the great white, it will be time for giant tuna. As tuna seasons vary so greatly in this area, it's somewhat risky to pin dates down in advance for a tuna charter. However, considering how good the fishing was last year, it would be a good idea to take a chance on late August and get a reservation now. Perhaps this will be the year that the world's record comes back to the U.S.!

By the way, small boat anglers needn't count themselves out on this sport. Seaworthy small boats in the twenty to twenty-five foot class can handle a giant tuna nicely—and fighting one in this fashion is a lot easier than on a larger boat. I discovered this several years ago while doing a film for the Lloyd Bridges TV show "Waterworld." Once you get clear of the other boats, it's just a matter of letting the tuna tow you around until he tires out. This wouldn't work so well if the water was very deep or if there was a shark problem. However, none of this applies in any of our waters and the tuna wears himself quicker by towing the boat than in simply fighting the heavy pressure applied from a larger vessel. The important factor in rigging a small boat for giants is to install the fighting chair in the bow. In that fashion, the tuna can tow you around without filling your boat up with water. In case you get a wild idea about fishing giant tuna without a chair—forget it! It's just about impossible to hang on to 80 or 130 pound gear standing up very long, and there's no way you can apply significant pressure with out the chair to enable you to put your back and legs into it, rather than just your arms.

While Block Island is the spot likeliest to produce for Long Island anglers this summer, don't forget the traditional hotspots. The Mud Hole can produce as early as late July, but is normally best from August to early October. Tuna of all sizes are encountered in that area, which is accessible to boats from Long Island ports as far east as Captree and all north Jersey ports. Live ling and whiting are usually easy to obtain right off the bottom, while frozen baits such as butterfish are also consistent producers. Unlike the chumming in areas already described, ground bunker is also used in the Mud Hole. There are no draggers in the area at this time of year, so you'll have to load up on chum before leaving the dock. It wasn't many years ago that the Mud Hole was noted for great school tuna fishing. With the decline of the small

This giant tuna was one of the first giant bluefin tuna to come into Montauk last summer, and it was taken on Capt. Gene Kelly's charterboat *SEA DOLL*. The giant giant weighed in at 996-lbs., just four pounds short of joining the "over-one-thousand" club.

A montauk-caught giant bluefin tuna is hoisted up to the scales with block and tackle at Henry Colombi's *STAR ISLAND YACHT CLUB* as a crowd of awed spectators looks on with straining necks. *Photo by Ian Hunt, S.I.Y.C.*

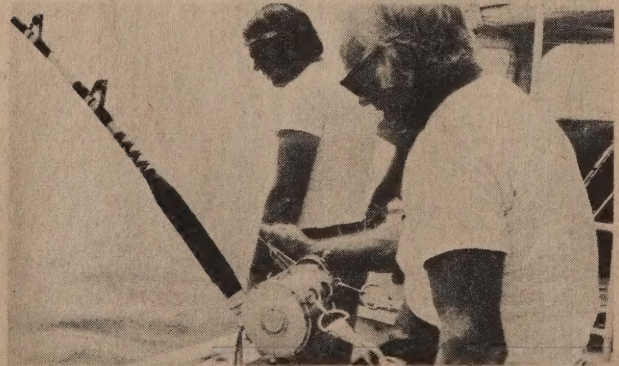
fish, more attention has been paid to the giants and some good catches have resulted. Up to this point, the giants have been smaller than in other areas. To the best of my knowledge, no one has broken 800 pounds (now a common weight at Gloucester) in the Mud Hole as yet.

Rosie's Ledge and other famous areas along the Rhode Island coast provided the training grounds for many of today's top tuna anglers. An occasional giant is still taken there, but Rhode Island fishermen now usually join their brethren from Montauk in Butterfish Hole or off Block Island whenever a run occurs. The Rhode Island grounds were in very shallow water and the tuna fed on schooling fish such as bunkers and mackerel. The giants found there in the Fifties and Sixties were smaller fish and it may well be that they've switched to the easier bottom fish (found in deeper water) in their old age.

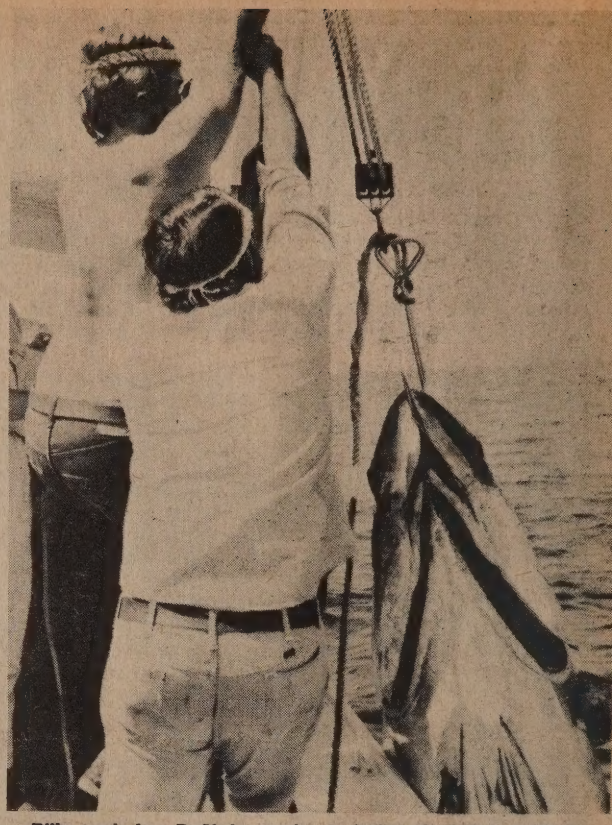
After starting in ports adjacent to the Mud Hole, the U.S. Atlantic Tuna Tournament moved to Point Judith when tuna were abundant there. It appeared to be a permanent change despite dwindling catches. However, after the fishing opened up in Massachusetts Bay, a great deal of pressure developed to move the contest to the fish. The clincher occurred when the USATT held a President's Tournament out of Provincetown with clubs allowed only one boat apiece. I was on a Freeport Tuna Club boat that tied with Eddie Murray's "Cookie" (representing Babylon Tuna Club) at six giants per boat in three day's fishing. In addition, many of the fish exceeded 800 pounds—an unheard of figure in USATT tournaments. Since then, the tournaments have been held at Gloucester and Provincetown with good results, though the docking facilities aren't a shade of what's available at Point Judith.

It's hard to say at this point just how good tuna fishing will be this summer. The Japanese once again long-lined about 9000 pre-spawning giants from the Gulf of Mexico this spring. The run at Bimini was one of the poorest on record, though this could have something to do with the weather. Giants were spotted near Provincetown by mid-June and another good season is expected in that area. For some reason or other, Cape Cod always sees tuna long before we do. Indeed, another body of giants enters Canadian waters in May! In any case, it's well worth the wait to hook into a giant. It may not turn out to be your cup of tea, but it will surely be one of those thrills in angling that you'll always cherish. When that brute pulls you straight up in the fighting chair and you wonder how you're going to keep yourself in the boat, there won't be any question about which is the strongest game fish!

Another good reason for trying giant tuna this year is the possibility that we may be in for a big slump in the fishery pretty soon. Heavy seining of school tuna during the Sixties just about wiped out one year class after another. Restrictions imposed through ICCAT (International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas) several years ago were intended to stabilize the effort on the remaining giants and decrease pressure on school fish. Despite catch restrictions on U.S. and Canadian fishermen, the program has been largely subverted by the Japanese transferring their effort from the Mediterranean



Famed Frank Mather of Woods Hole is pulled up in chair by a giant tuna as "White Stallion" skipper Jay DeNoia watches. Notice that Frank is fighting the giant with his legs and back—*NOT* his arms.



Billy and Jay DeNoia strain to hoist aboard a typical Massachusetts Bay giant tuna on the "White Stallion."

to the Gulf of Mexico. Though U.S. seiners have been restricted on their school tuna catch, the last two years have been total busts for northern anglers after seiners took their quotas off the Virginia coast. Small giants (300 to 500 pounds) are rarely seen, and unless we get recruitment to the giant class from fish no one is aware of, it may be a long time before giant tuna are as abundant as they are today.

Anglers south of Cape Cod will get an increase of twenty-five fish in their previous quota of 150 giant tuna this year, though only about half of the quota was caught last year. The quota has been enlarged by 225 for the northern area to bring the total to 2075. During the first few years of the quota, fishing was cut off in early September as the allocation was taken by then. This year, a one fish per boat, per day limit will extend into early September and should serve to lengthen the season. Extremely high prices paid by Japanese buyers have resulted in heavy pressure on the remaining stocks of giant tuna, and it's hoped that the new regulations will at least spread that pressure over a longer period.

If you want to try your luck from your own boat this year, be sure to obtain a certificate first. This certificate is free of charge and can be obtained by filling out a registration form provided by the National Marine Fisheries Service, State Fish Pier, Gloucester, Massachusetts, 01930. The certificate is now permanent and will not have to be renewed annually. Upon being certified, you'll also receive a log book and ten tags to be affixed to any tuna you catch weighing over 300 pounds. No person may be in possession of, buy or sell a tuna over 300 pounds without a tag being affixed to it. The penalties for non-compliance with these regulations are severe: as much as $25,000 for a first violation, and $50,000 for each subsequent violation. A card enclosed in the log book must be returned to NMFS for each tuna landed, and a summary report for each month of the season is also required—even if you didn't fish during that period.

A word to the wise: if there is even the remotest chance that you may fish for giant tuna this season, be

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NEW JIGS & PLUGS

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L.I. Sound WEAKFISH

by Ron Onorato

While the quality of weakfishing has seen a substantial decline in many of the south shore areas such as Great South Bay, many areas of Long Island Sound have seen weakfishing like never before. The prophets of doom predicted the end of Long Island weakfishing after a dismal 1976 season. The first part of the 1977 season seemed to bear out their dire predictions, that weakfish were indeed on the way out, and they cited the very sparse catches made in Great South Bay as an indication of this. Then around the beginning of June, the weakfish came and they kept on coming in almost unprecedented numbers. For many of you, this may come as a bit of a surprise, especially if you had a few poor trips. However, when the weaks came, they did not settle in the bays, as they have been doing for the past five years. The weaks stayed out in the ocean, not along the beach as customarily they do; but offshore, anywhere from three to five miles off the beach. They poured into Montauk waters in such dense schools that at times they outnumbered the bluefish, and they turned the paper on the fish recorders black with markings. But they didn't stop, they kept right on going into Long Island Sound as far west as Hempstead Harbor. And it just wasn't an occasional school of fish that popped up here and there; but rather acres and acres of surface feeding fish that were reminiscent of the bluefish schools of old.

What brought these fish into the sound in such astonishing numbers? Apparently—and there seems to be no doubt about it—the acres and acres of sand eels lured the fish into some of the western areas of the sound. Now many of the north shore fishermen are probably saying to themselves, "where were all these fish?" On many occasions last year in particular, the vast majority of fishermen failed to cash in on these fish. With the notable exception of Port Jefferson and adjacent areas, the weakfish bites were limited to very brief carnages that started at the very crack of dawn, just around blush light, and lasted but for an hour or so. Port Jefferson had a fling with the weaks throughout most of the summer and they had fairly good catching throughout most of the daytime hours. However, for any number of reasons, the weaks limited their forays to the very early morning hours, and on some occasions, to an evening bite when they reached the western end of the sound. Although the early morning bites were of limited duration, they were of a magnitude at least comparable to a bluefish blitz. On one particular occasion in the first week of June last year, a school of weaks popped up on the east side of Hempstead Harbor about 4:30 a.m. Without exaggeration this school spread from Matinecock Point on the east, and the Week's Point jetty on the west and were spread from just off the beach to nearly a couple of hundred yards offshore. Besides myself, there was another caster in a small Boston Whaler, who got into this slaughter. By six, it was all over, and the first few boats from the Harbor had arrived in the area—but it was too late. Some of the wire liners took a few weaks and blues during the daytime hours, but at best it was only a slow pick. If we didn't have the catches to show for our story, many would have thought that the weakfishing was pretty picky. This was to be the story for the next two weeks: the fish would show just at the crack of dawn, and do their thing for an hour or so, and presto—they would be gone. This fishing really was never publicized, and perhaps no more than five or six different anglers got in on the action. By the time it did reach the circuit, most of the appreciable action was over. The schools of sand eels dissipated considerably and the weaks must have followed them wherever they went. Some weaks did stay around in some spots off Hempstead Harbor and Oyster Bay through most of the summer, and did provide fair catches, and this was a welcome relief as the bass and bluefishing in this same area was poor at best.

When the weaks came into the western sound area, it opened up a whole new channel of fishing. For the most part, weakfish that had been taken in previous years were caught incidental to other types of fishing. In the early Seventies, at the start of the weakfish resurgence, few anglers fished exclusively for weakfish, although they were fairly abundant. Oyster Bay was one of the first areas that saw the influx of this revitalized fishery. Drifting strips of squid or sand worms produced a fair amount of fish to those anglers who cared to look for them. The same was true to certain areas of Hempstead Harbor. Fish were available at the rip off Matinecock Point, but in order to get them, you had to anchor your boat in a certain spot and under certain tidal conditions. Usually the time honored bucktail or plastic shrimp accounted for the lion's share of the action.

A new pattern began to develop around the spring of 1976. What had been only loosely scattered patches of sand eels in 1975, turned into densely populated schools by the spring of 1976. Many of the local bass fishermen looked upon this as a positive sign for some spring bass fishing. What they got instead of bass were weaks—and not just a couple of them either. From early June and continuing through that month was some pretty decent weakfishing. Instead of school bass herding the sand eels to the surface, the weakfish were there in their place. No longer would the pink plastic shrimp or the old reliable bucktail be greedily accepted by the fish. On the contrary, these lures produced little, and the local casters developed a whole new idea on weakfishing in this area. When the fish were feeding on sand eels, they would be interested in little else, and surely a plastic shrimp doesn't even vaguely resemble a sand eel. Small jointed tubes such as tiny Bingle Lancers took some fish, and the tiny Tri-Fin WhipTail was also very effective, especially when it was white in color. By now, the tackle tinkerers had their wheels churning, and they came up with a winner. What was needed here was a lure that resembled the sand eel, light enough to cast with spinning tackle or a light bait casting outfit, and yet heavy enough to get to the mid-water level. The diamond jig and other tins were out of the question, simply because the water depth where the fish were feeding was most often less than ten feet in depth. So, someone dug out a tiny bucktail jig, added a length of Mylar tubing with a tiny single hook at the end, and the bucktail-sand eel

jig was developed.

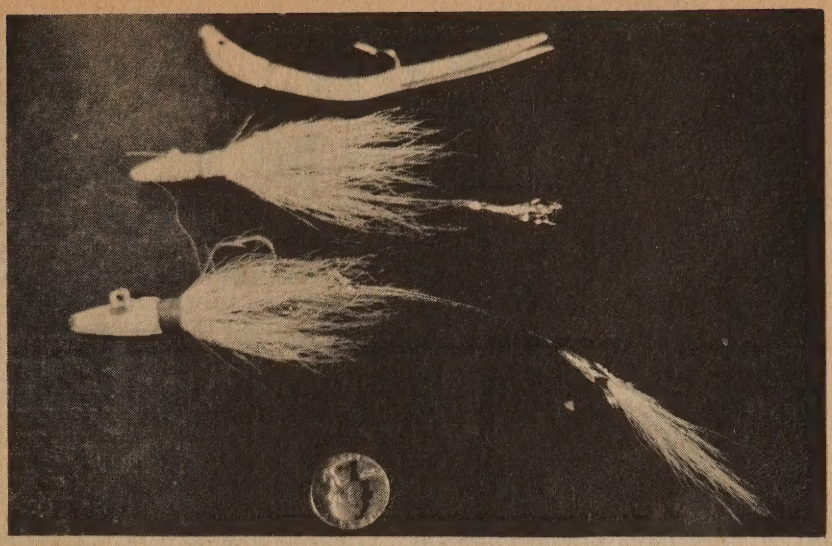
I'm sure that the idea was really developed by saltwater fly casters who had made streamer flies on sand eels, and that it was just picked up by some of the local fishermen and modified a bit. A similar lure was mentioned both in Outdoor Life and Salt Water Sportsman magazines, so the idea had been around for awhile, but this was the first time it was seen or used up on the north shore.

I have yet to see the lure manufactured; so for the most part, it will have to be made by you at home, or by a fly tyer. It really is quite simple to make, and you really need nothing more than a few bucktail jigs, some #2 Eagle Claw hooks, and a tiny piece of bucktail, and some 3/16" Mylar tubing. You can get all these components at just about any decent tackle store, including the Mylar tubing. The Herman's Sporting Goods stores always have a supply of the Mylar tubing handy as well as the bucktail.

Usually two sizes of bucktail jigs will accommodate your needs: the 3/8 ounce and the 1/2 ounce size. You can make up your own jigs, or use the store-bought ones. The rigging of this sand eel jig is not as difficult as it sounds if you use your imagination a bit. The first step calls for rigging the hook to the leader. Take an eight inch length of sixty pound mono and attach the #2 hook to it by any means you want. You'll now have about seven inches left of the leader after you tie the knot to the hook. Through the open end of the monofilament, slip a four or five inch piece of the Mylar tubing over the mono. Now you're going to have a couple of inches left of the mono, and with these few inches, attach the stinker hook to the main hook of the bucktail jig. I use the improved clinch knot to attach the stinger hook, and have not yet had any problems with it, but I'm sure that there are other ways of attaching the tail hook to the main hook. The important thing to note here is to make sure that the bucktail jig has extra strong tinned hooks, and not the gold-plated wire hooks that are sometimes found on small bucktail jigs. If you tie a stinger onto a weak hook, it would straighten out on the first run of the fish.

I have mentioned the eight inch length arbitrarily, but you can use just about any length of leader that you would feel comfortable working with. You can also vary the size of the finished stinger hook so that the final product could be anywhere from four to eight inches long; in this manner, you can just about duplicate the size of any sand eels that the fish could possibly be feeding on. If you want to improve the overall action of the jig, attach a few strands of bucktail to the tail hook. This will give the jig an even better swimming action than the unadorned jig.

If the weakfish are feeding on sand eels, there is no finer lure than this, and if there happens to be any bass around, there is no reason why they won't take the jig also. You'll have to experiment with the retrieves a little before you find what the fish would like. If the fish have the sand eels balled up right on the surface, then begin the retrieve the instant that the lure hits the water. If there are just occasional swirls on the surface, then moderate the retrieve so that all water depths are covered. It might be added that this lure is effective mostly when there is a large quantity of bait in the water. As the bait supply diminishes, the effectiveness of the lure decreases. Blind casting with the sand eel jig has produced very little; while other lures such as straight bucktails and tins took some fish. So, experience has taught me to use this lure only when the fish are feeding heavily on sand eels.



From top to bottom, three artificials that are dynamite when weakfish are feeding on sand eels: *Tri-Fin Whiptail (white), Bucktail Jig with mylar stinger hook, Bucktail Jig with mylar and bucktail stinger hook.*

As mentioned earlier, the western end of the sound has been blessed with an abundance of sand eels for the past few years. While this is fine, the other staple baits such as spearing and baby bunkers (often called silver dollars) have been conspicuous by their absence. Even mature bunkers have been scarce in the western reaches of the sound. Unfortunately, the sand eels seem to move along when the water reaches a certain temperature, and since the other baits are not around to hold the fish, the weakfish move right along with the bait wherever they go. For this reason, it is important to get your licks in with the fish when they make their appearance, because it may be a long time in-between catches.

For the past two years, the weaks have been very consistent in their timing. The end of the first week of June seems to be the starting point of their sand eel slaughter, and it will generally last anywhere from five to nine days. The sand eels, of course, are present anywhere from mid to late April. After this brief period of fast fishing, most of the fish move along, although a few stay behind for the rest of the summer. If the sand eels stay longer and remain through the month of June, it is conceivable that some really wild fishing could be had for a considerable length of time. However, the sand eels seem to move out by the middle of June. Towards the tail end of September, a minor run of sand eels appear again in the western sound, and some weakfish are taken, but nothing to compare with the spring action. An interesting thing about this fishing is that seldom are any other fish taken with the weaks. A few bass manage to find their way through the weaks, but I have yet to see a single bluefish mixed in with the weaks, and this is good because the bluefish would murder the fragile jigs. Now, if only the blues would show up after the weakfish go.

Fortunately, the weaks have been very consistent in their choice of location, or perhaps the sand eels have been very consistent in where they make their appearance, and this saves a lot of running around. For almost a full week, the fish stayed in the vicinity of Hempstead Harbor's eastern shore. The fish moved around a bit, but for the most part, they could be found anywhere from the Week's Point jetty on the west to Matinecock Point on the east. It was simply a matter of getting on the water a the very crack of dawn and looking for signs of feeding fish, and believe me—there was no mistaking the signs! There were some heavy patches of sand eels on the western side of the harbor, around Motts Point; so it is entirely possible that there was some fish over there also, but with the good fishing to be had on the eastern side, who would want to find out?

After the fish vacated the Hempstead Harbor area, they made a very brief showing off Stehli's Beach in

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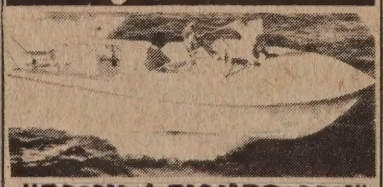

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The spotlight at Montauk this week was focused on the run of bluefin tuna off Block Island. The charterboats have been trolling school tuna in the 20 to 40 lb. class on jap feathers and cedar plugs, and giant tuna of 100 to over 300 lbs. have been taken by boats trolling rigged baits like herring, mullet and squid. Inshore, bluefish are still the hot item, with boats continuing to fill the boxes with large blues 8 to 15 lbs. trolling and diamond jigging at the Sub Buoy and the Triangle. Huge schools of small bluefish in the snapper-blue class have invaded the inshore waters from Culloden Point to the Lighthouse. Porgy fishing excellent in front of the point and along the southside. Cod very good at Coxes Ledge, with larger fish. Fluke fishing is good, but you have to work at it. Best fluking has been along Gin Beach and off Shagwong Point on outgoing water drifting sandeels. Bass fishing very quiet with few really trying, and no big catches of weakfish reported.

Capt. Phil Lewis of the charter boat **Adios** called to report that passenger Clyde Lipps of Ohio brought to gaff a giant tuna of over 300 lbs. on his first deep sea fishing trip. The giant took a rigged ballyhoo that was being trolled, and only took 45 minutes to land. Six sharks were also taken on the trip. The captain said that he has been catching school tuna all week trolling Cedar jigs around the Fairway Buoy off Block Island. Inshore fishing is still producing very good catches of bluefish at the Sub Buoy and the Triangle.

Captain Warren Hader of the charterboat **DEVILFISH** also reported that a lot of bluefin tuna are being taken off Block Island around the Fairway Buoy. On Thursday, Warren had a charter from L.I.F. staff member Scott Simons. Friend Frank and Nick from Montauk's "Herb's Meat Market" were also aboard. Three tuna ranging from thirty to fourty pounds were taken trolling cedar jigs and jap feathers. A half dozen large bonito were also taken. Warren, formerly an undertaker, had this word of advice for trolling tuna: "Troll your lures in the second wake for best results."

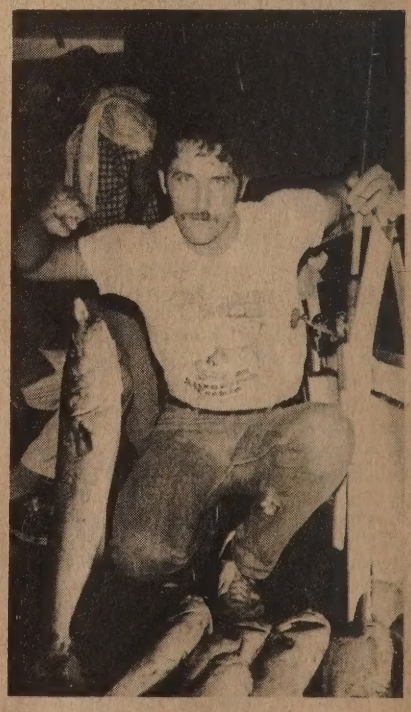
Captain Gene Kelly, famous for his version of the "Montauk Lookaway" when pulling his charterboat into the Inlet Marina, reported that on Sunday his charter trolled a half dozen tuna between 20 and 40 lbs. and one mini-giant of 125 lbs. in 170 feet of water southeast of Montauk. Four blue sharks up to 150 lbs. were also taken to top off the bags on the **Sea Doll**.

Frank Tuma of **Tuma's Tackle** reported that the boats along "charterboat row" have been loading up on big bluefish trolling and diamond jigging at the Triangle and Submarine Buoy. But the hot action has been around the Fairway Buoy off Block Island. On Saturday the "Gannett III" trolled two tuna of 110-lbs. and had a few 40's. The Adios "Adios" had a giant of 300 lbs. The giants are taking trolled rigged mullet and ballyhoo, while the footballs are hitting the cedar jigs and jap feathers.

Maureen at the **Gone Fishing Marina** told us that on Friday the "Lady Luck" caught a couple of dozen fluke up to 8-lbs. drifting sandeels along Gin Beach on outgoing water. ON Saturday the "Nancy B" too 50 big blues diamond jigging at the Sub Buoy and the "Alyssa Ann took 31 diamond jigging and trolling white umbrella rigs. The Rev. Harvey of Merrick has been loading up with the big blues at the Sub Buoy trolling white umbrella rigs every morning two hours before high tide. Maureen said that the fishing was good all week despite the rotten weather.

Captain John DeMaio of the charter boat **Vivienne** told us that on Saturday and Sunday his charters took over 1700 pounds of big bluefish diamond jigging at the Sub Buoy. On Saturday morning he made a stop on the way to the bluefish grounds and took 4 bass.

Captain Paul Forsberg of the **Viking Fishing Fleet** reported that the cod-fishing was very good all week at Coxes Ledge with plenty of big fish



Bob Husson of Applied Oceanographic with bluefish taken on a four inch Chummin Squid with pellets on a night trip aboard the "Viking Star".

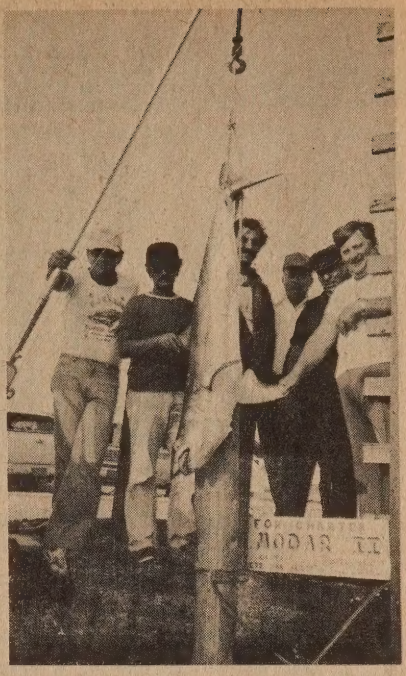
being taken. On Sunday Patti Ann Dext of Montauk caught a 46 lb. cod that would have copped the pool, but she wasn't in it. Don Bryand of Florida made the same mistake of not entering the pool when he fished the morning fluke trip Sunday—he bagged a 10½ lb. doormat. It was a real bail job and fantastic bluefishing all week long, but the fish were spotty on Saturday night. Two boats sailed then, the **Viking Star** doing a good job while the fishing aboard the **Starship** was spotty. High hook on the Star was Harvey Geller with 22 big blues. The porgy fishing has been and continues to be great off the lighthouse for fish of mixed sizes.

Captain Buddy Dorman of the **Viking Skipper II** reported that this past week the bad weather did not slow down the porgy fishing at all. In 3 days of fishing this week, Herbert Smith of Amityville caught 270 porgies, most of which were medium sized. The porgies are thick on the south side and off the point around Great Eastern, and there are still fish at Gardiner's.

Henry Colombi, aka GF, of the **Star Island Yacht Club** called to tell us that the boats trolling around Block Island have been loading up on school tuna. Giant bluefin are also in the area, but for some reason they are always hitting the lighter outfits. There were a lot of knockdowns from giants, but none were landed. Arch Jost on the "Sea Hunter" had a giant tuna hit a Penn 20 International with 30 lb. test that popped the line after a 2½ hour battle. Correction: there WAS a giant tuna brought into Montauk's largest marina on the weekend. On Sat., Capt. Brown's boat "Do Stay" took a 285 lb. bluefin trolling off Block Island. Inshore, Capt. Ra White on the "Kopy Kat" took 450 lbs. of big bluefish diamond jigging at the Sub Buoy Sunday. Al Antonori of the "Friendship" took 30 fluke up to 12 lbs. fishing in the North Rips, and fluke are plentiful along Gin Beach and Shagwong on outgoing water.

Captain Hickey of the **Triton II** reported a good week with the tuna off Block Island trolling cedar jigs. On Thursday 17 bluefin ranging from 18 to 36 lbs. were taken along with 5 bonito of 12 lbs. They also had a giant of about 300 lbs. on for an hour and 20 minutes before the hook pulled. Later in the day, eleven blue sharks were taken while chumming southeast of B.I. On Friday 11 tuna were bagged along with 7 blue sharks and a small mako. The giant tuna are hitting daisy chains and rigged baits that are trolled. Inshore, blues are great at the Sub Buoy. As an example, on a Sat. nite trip that lasted only 4 hours, seven men took 118 big blues trolling and diamond jigging before they begged to come back to the dock with sore arms.

Capt. Bruce Hoek of the charter



A 118 lb. mako was the thrill of the day for Walter Jadezuk of Syosset, fishing aboard Capt. Pete Van Alst's "Modar II" with friends Clint Smith, Frank Chireop, Frank Quartararo and Steve Smith.

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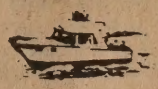

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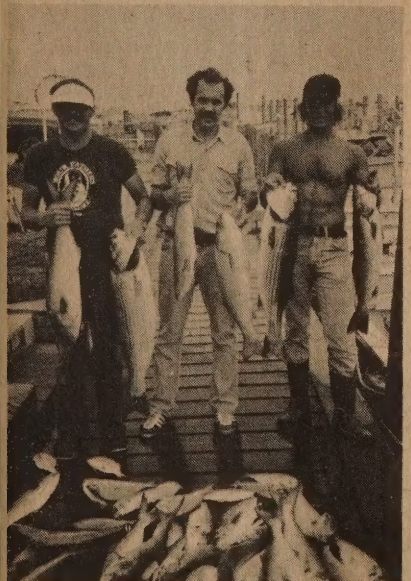
boat **Tara** reported excellent bluefishing, with a 3-man party from upstate N.Y. taking over 100 blues on Monday. Bruce said that he still has two open dates on the August full moon for night trolling for big bass.

Charter boat **Montauk** called and reports that on a 2 day excursion to the Fish Tails with Barry Young and Lee Kaufmann of Maryland, they caught 2 makos, 90 and 110 lbs., 8 true albacore, 40-65 lbs., 3 yellowfin tuna, average 30 lbs, 12 bluefin tuna, 10-40 lbs., 4 dolphin, 1 small and 3 20 lbrs, 1 175 lb. hammerhead, numerous blue sharks over 200 lbs. and had swordfish, marlin and many makos in the slick. The Fish Tails is located about 75 mi. south of Montauk and this is an annual excursion of Capt. Sundberg, his mate and his two friends.

Captain Ron Grandinetti of the charter boat **Julie III** with party of six on Saturday, jigged 139 blues at the Sub Buoy, fish of mixed sizes.

The **Free Spirit** called to tell us offshore fishing has held up in spite of the bad weather, that both Monday and Tuesday of last week he had a mako each day, plus a few browns thrown in. Fishing 40 fathoms on Wednesday, Frank had a 50 lb. mako and a 238 lb. blue shark. Thursday, Dick Fabian, Pete Mazzone, and Big Skippy were out with Frank. Dick and Pete each landed a mako, while Big Skippy got whipped by a big blue shark. Saturday, the boat had two makos in the 100 lb. class, along with a 110 lb. bluefin tuna. On Sunday, a 252 lb. blue shark was taken on 20 lb. test line. Mackerel, bluefish and green bonito fillets are being used for bait and they are fishing 145° east of the Point. Sharks should remain until October and Frank says he will have bass and blue inshore trips in the fall.



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SHINNECOCK

The Captain Clark Fleet reports very good weakfish catches since last Thursday. Saturday saw Dave Dorf of Long Beach take 12 weaks, 4 kingfish and a bucket of porgies from Peconic Bay, all on sand worms. Capt. Bellows feels that we now have a good summer started on the weaks. They have also had fair results fishing offshore wrecks for sea bass on the weekends on the **Capt. Clark II**.

HAMPTON BAYS

Tony at **Tony's Fishing Station** reported plenty of fluke taken on the weekend at buoys 2 and 4 in front of Shinnecock Inlet and way back in East Channel, almost in the middle of the bay. Any moving tide, but the mornings have been producing best. Flounder still good at buoys 18 and 20. Plenty of 2½ to 3 lb. blues being trolled right outside the inlet, with larger blues mixed with bonito out at the Sea Buoy. Tony said that he heard that on Sunday a private boat out of Shinnecock Inlet took two swordfish on hook and line and two giant tuna, size unknown.

MORICHES BAY

Romona Seiffert of the **Silly Lily Fishing Station** reported that Thurs., Friday and Saturday saw a big improvement in the fluke fishing, but everyone was fogged in Sunday. On Saturday Chas Quevedo and his wife had a dozen keepers. Best action has been from buoy 38 to the Elbow during the last hour of the incoming and first two hours of the outgoing. Killies or sandeels and squid combo.

Larry at **L&M Marine** reported nice catches of fluke on the weekend, which saw the best fishing in a month. Hot spots are the Elbow and from buoys 36 to 39. A couple of five pounders were weighed in, and the fishing is really picking up. Any moving tide, sandeels and squid combo. The bay is loaded with a lot of snappers and small blues.

Jim at **Skidmore's Fishing Station** that due to the recent bad weather he hasn't been getting many boats out. But the high catches range from 12 to 15 a boat, the average 8 to 10. A little nice weather this week should see the fishing bounce back. Best action on the south side of buoys 39 and 41 and between 43 and 44. Blue claw crabs are in good at the canal by the station, with boats averaging 1½ dozen. On

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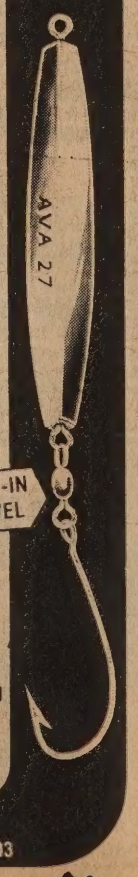

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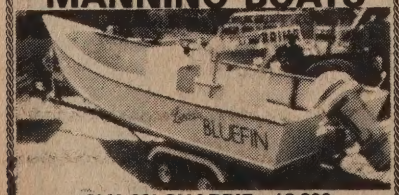

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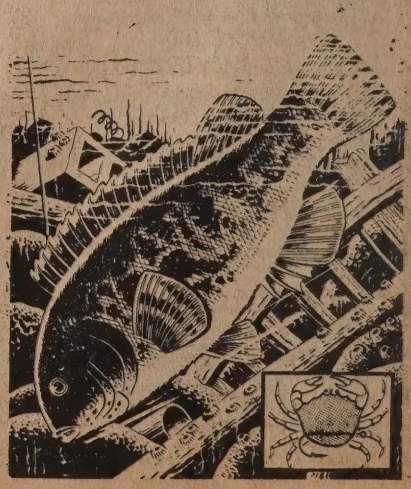

Sunday there was a good showing of ¾ lb. snapper/blues between buoys 41 and 42 that anglers caught casting and on their fluke rigs.

East Moriches Bait and Tackle reported that Mike Kijowski was out on Saturday in 160 ft. of water south of Moriches and picked up a 338 lb. tiger shark, which took 1 hr. and 40 mins. to land. Most of his customers have been doing well with a lot of bluefish and skipjack tuna.

Mark at **Island Fishing Station** in Center Moriches reported that the few boats out over the weekend did fairly well on the fluke. Most of the action was by the CG Station and by buoys 27 and 26. Squid and sand eel combos were best; live snapper also did well. Snappers invaded the Brookhaven Town Dock this weekend and they did very, very well.

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Stiriz Fishing Station reports fair to good crabbing from buoy 15 to 19 in traps and on rings. Fluking has been slow and high hook for the week was Herman Luders with six keepers taken on live killies between buoys 19 and 23. Snapper and snapper blues are all over the place to 1 lb. taking spearing, small tins and small poppers. Lots of tuna, 210° out of Moriches Inlet in 130-140 ft. of water, fish in the 30 lb. class, with bonito and skippies mixed in. Gary has heard of several swords and large tuna also, but nothing in detail.

SAYVILLE

Young's Fishing Station reports slow fluking but still some fluke and weaks have been taken behind the dredges working 1-3 mi. out, and a few have also been taken off Barrett Beach. Some fluke between Pointer Woods and Ocean Beach and also some in the State Channel. A few scattered catches of blows. A run of blues in State Channel off Atlantique has been had on and off, hitting on anything and everything.

South Bay Fishing Station reports loads of snappers off the dock in the 6-7 inch range on spearing and sand eels. A few fluke have shown their faces this past week, but the weather has kept them down pretty much.

BABYLON

Augie's Bait and Tackle reports loads of snappers all over the place on shiners. A half dozen tuna to 70 lbs. were taken on Bill Heaton's Free Spirit on Kona heads and cedar plugs.

Charlie's Fishing Station reports that bluefish have been taken at the mouth of the inlet on trolled plugs in early morning hours and that Jim Martin had 48 blues from 1½ to 2 lbs., by this method, as did Chuck, who docks his boat there.

OAK BEACH

State Channel Marina West reports blues and bonito from the Inlet to the Bell Buoy on umbrellas and tubes. Some tuna on feathers and cedar jigs from 130 to 150 ft. of water. Fluking has been so-so, with best catches being made on sand eels in Snake Hill Channel and Fl Inlet. Killie/squid combos are also working.

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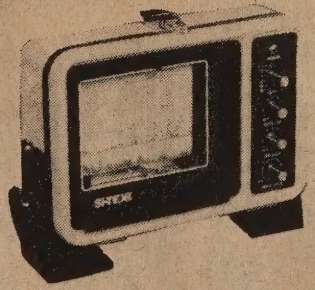

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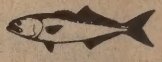

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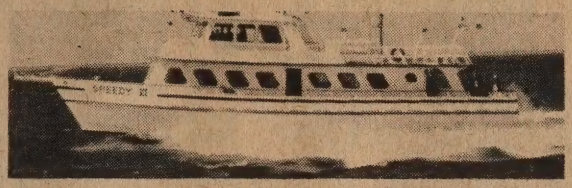

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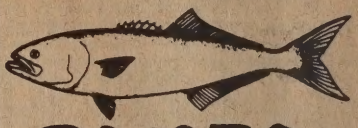

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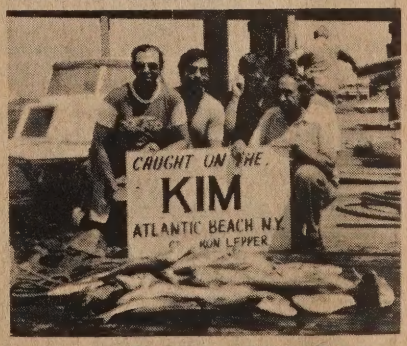

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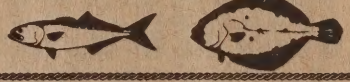

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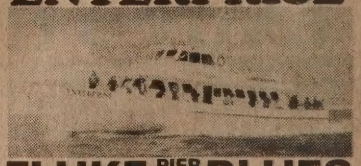

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Casey Lee reports fluke fishing has improved, with average catches of 2-4 fish per man, best results have been at West Island Lighthouse and the bridge on killlies and squid.

CAPTREE

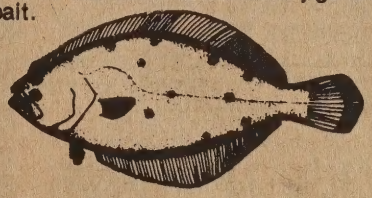
Capt. Walter on the **Lady Ann** called to report that fluking has improved and the night bluefishing has been a total slaughter, that it couldn't be better. Friday, Saturday and Sunday night's charters saw over 1,000 blues come over the rail.

The Jib Fleet reports that female angler Cindy Bodenheimer of West Islip had 12 fluke on Friday and her pals, Dave and Sal, each got 10 keepers themselves on the **Jib V** fishing west of the bridge. The fluking has definitely improved and the **Jib VI** caught them in more numbers also. The beautiful female mates on the 8 AM boat have been doing a top flight job working the decks.

Capt. George Tweedy of the **Capt. Scotty** said that the bluefishing was very good all week for smaller fish in the 2 to 4 lb. class. On Sat. he couldn't find the small blues, but found fish of 6 to 12 lbs. off Patchogue Beach. Average catches 8 to 12 a man. Fluke fishing was very good during the week, and the fish are nice size—2½ to 4 lbs. Good fishermen are taking home 8 to 10 a trip, and the mornings have been best. George noted that the bay is also loaded with 2 to 4 inch weakfish, a good sign for the future.

Capt. Gordon Roman of the **Captree Queen** told us that the fishing has generally improved, and Saturday was one of the best trips in a long time. Despite the weather, over 100 fluke were taken into the boat. They were nice size, 1½ to 2½ lbs., and there are very few small fish. Best action has been around the changes and during the incoming from the Lighthouse west to the Inlet. Most trips average over 50 fluke, and an occasional small bluefish is taking the bait.

Capt. Speedy Hubert of the **Speedy VI** reported that the bluefishing was very spotty during the week but he found a good body of fish when he fished to the west on Sunday. Over 650 fish were taken that ranged from 3 to 12 lbs. on Ava diamond jigs and bait.



Diana Grell with a 12 lb. 6 oz. fluke taken aboard the Moby Dick off the Fire Island Reef.

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FLUKE

LINDENHURST

The open boat **Sea Horse** tells us that Wednesday and Saturday saw a fair shot of fluke in FI Inlet from the lighthouse to the bridge in the 2½-3½ lb. range. Capt. John says the action has improved.

Charlie's Bait and Tackle tells of loads of tuna in 120 ft. of water, 140° out of FI Inlet and bonito in 70-80 ft. of water, same heading, on feathers and cedar jigs. Loads of snappers in the bay and good catches of eels off the docks. Fluking is a little better this past week at the Copiague Hole, Snake Hill Channel and at the CG Station. Flounders are still at the Sore Thumb on worms. Aspiring angler James Shaffer bagged a 12 lb. weakfish on a killie this past week.

COPIAGUE

Larry at **Bait and Tackle Unlimited** tells us snappers and crabs are all over the place, snappers going for spearing and small shiny tins. Loads of blues from 3-10 lbs. at the inlet every morning on jigs and umbrellas, while weaks are being taken at the CG Station on Hopkins. Fluke off Tanner Park Beach on squid and killies for boats and casters. Larry weighed in a couple of stripers in the 40 lb. class, fish being taken in FI Inlet and in the State Channel off Tobay on Sunday morning on bellies. Tuna in 140 ft. of

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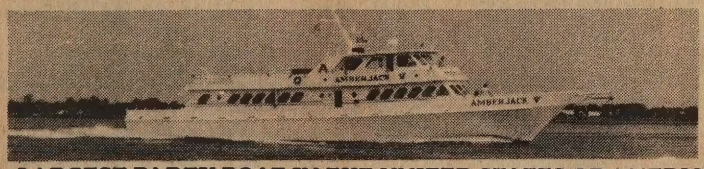

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George Combs Bait and Tackle reports plenty of blues and weaks in Fl Inlet on umbrellas and tubes. Plenty of tuna and skipjack offshore on feathers and cedar jigs. Bob Bianco and three pals on the Michele had 5 tuna, some skippies and one dolphin on feathers and jet lures in 153 ft. of water SE of Fl inlet. Bob and Bill Link and Phil Spraul had 7 skipjack and a 20 lb. tuna at the 120 ft. mark, aboard their boat Sandpiper on jets and feathers. Fluking has been slow, so your best bet is to anchor and chum with bunker chum in a pot.

SEAFORD

Capt. Eddie's Fishing Station reports some fluke have been taken this past week between 4 Corners and the second Wantagh Bridge, drifting sand eels, killies and squid. Blue claw crabs off the dock and loads of snappers from the dock and the skiffs.

Lon Wanser Bait and Tackle reports very good snapper action all over the place with fluke now showing a slight improvement on sand eel/squid combos and killie/squid combos. Blues on the outside on umbrellas and diamond jigs.

BELLMORE

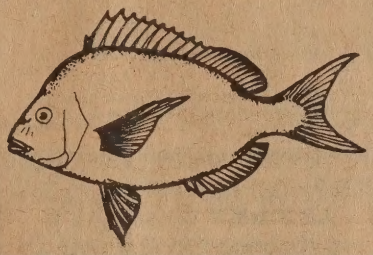
The singing dog at **Merrick Marine Tackle Center** reports stripers being taken on live bunker in the area of Jones Inlet, State Channel and at Short Beach. Loads of bluefish in 120-130 ft. of water mixed with tuna, bonito and albies, all on cedar jigs, feathers and jet lures. Fluking is slow, but fish can be caught if you work hard for them, in the Inlet and local creeks. Plenty of snappers everywhere on small tins and on shiners. Some dolphin and makos far off the beach.

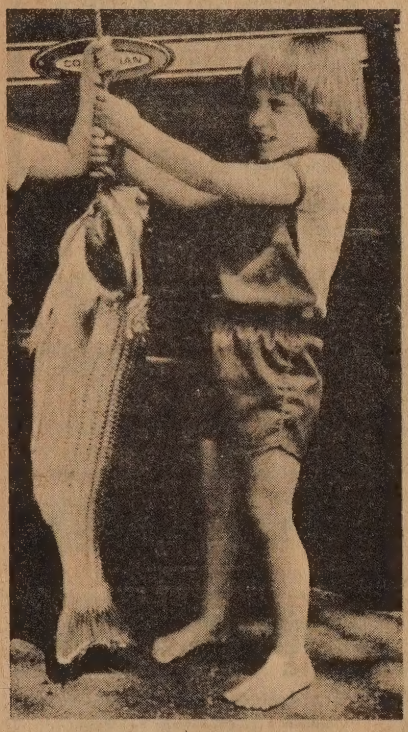
MERRICK

Nick's Fishing Station reports that Wednesday was the highlight of the week for fluke with catches of 16, 18 and 30 fish brought in by various boats, working Broad and Ned's Creeks with killies. The other days of the week were way off due to weather conditions. Weaks are being caught on sand worms 3 ft. off the bottom at the big Meadow Brook Bridge. A 50 lb. tuna and two, 25 lbers., were taken by Lenny Baum and Joe Dymant on their boat Pelican on Thursday. This was in 110 ft. of water on a 170 out of Jones on red and white jet lures and red and white jet feathers. Blue and bonito were mixed in. A couple of bass were taken on bunker early in the week from Haunts Creek and at the Black Banks. Offshore blues have been great, pretty much from the end of the jetty on out. A 580 lb. mako was caught on Saturday, as was a 400 lb. plus tiger shark in the Freeport Fishing Festival. More details on this will be reported next week.

BALDWIN

Arthur Street Marina reports lots of crab in Middle Bay and some fluke being taken between buoys 14 and 17, Reynolds Channel. Small but plenty of blues in Jones Inlet on just about anything. Andy says that a hot item on the fluke is Kirches new Atomic Squid lure, which he has.





Christine Grimando holds Dad's bass, 16 lbs., caught clam chumming in State Channel off Zachs Bay. Subscriber club photo.

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FREEPORT

The Aloma II reports that when he can get out, the fluking catches are good, with 3-8 keepers per man, which were the numbers produced Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday fishing Jones Inlet. Capt. Spider Schmidt invites all of his regular customers to call for reservations for a night bluefish trip that he will be making Friday night, August 18 at 7 PM. There will be a 35-man limit on this trip.

The Miss Freeport reports that he has been fluking with light crowds, many people being scared off by the weather. He has been catching well in the inlet and at times in the back areas on sand eels and squid. Catches are averaging 4-5 keepers per man. Saturday's charter for William Spettman and party of 20 saw 11 fluke being high hook for one lucky angler as they worked the inlet. All aboard caught well in the rain.

Charter boat **Jackpot** called to tell us that Thursday's charter for Mike Linden and pals resulted in 74 blues in the box by 12:30 on umbrellas. Saturday's trip bagged a brown shark, 14 bonito in the 5 lb. class, 2 bluefin over 30 lbs. and six bluefish. This was on feathers for Chris Cangolosi and pals. Sunday had 22 blues trolled on umbrellas for Vinnie Mattuzi and group.

The StarStream II reports super great bluefishing on Sunday at Ambrose Ridge, an hour and 10 mins. from the dock, fish coming from the start to the end of the day. Thursday and Friday were excellent at Ambrose Ridge also, fish 2-8 lbs. with an occasional bonito. The night bluefish trips have been consistently good, though Sat. night fell off a bit. It's been a good strong steady pull on the blues, with bait and chum at night and bait, bananas and jigs daytime.

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bluefishing at Ambrose Ridge, fish 3-5 lbs. Thursday and Friday he worked Cholera for good catches up to 16 lbs. Saturday was picky due to sea conditions. Sunday was a slaughter, an out and out slaughter at Ambrose Tower on 2-5 lb. blues.

The **Capt. II** had over 200 blues Saturday and over 300 on Sunday, fishing the Ambrose Tower area. Night trips on the Capt. Al saw over 350 fish Saturday night with the night trips being consistently good. Al says that the tremendous abundance of small fish will be giving us a great fall on blues.

The Freeport Boatmen's Association reports that all of the Association boats fishing blues this past week had super catches, particularly on Sunday at Ambrose Ridge, with all boats loading up. Cholera also produced with a little less volume, but bigger fish along with some medium sharks. The boats that fluked during the week had respectable catches in the inlet, channels and back waters. Bonito and tuna further out on feathers and cedar jigs. The **Night Owl II** still has a few open spots for their upcoming cod wreck fishing trip. See ad for details.

Capt. Joe Long of the charter boat **Nite Owl** called to say that Saturday's charter of 5 men from the NYAC arranged by ARPED KLAUSZ had 21 tuna up to 23 lbs. (bluefin) at the HA, six bonito, 3 blues, and 12 shark. Joe says this was an exceptional catch and it was all done on red and white feathers and small jet lures. Sunday's trip for Dave Lawrence and party bagged an 85 and 120 lb. mako, plus two duskies and two browns. Joe says he still has some open weekday tuna trolling dates available.

Charter boat **Sea Hawk** called to report that Tues. trip for Walt Hager trolled southwest of the 2 mi. buoy and on white umbrellas took 77 blues between 2-5 lbs. Wed. trip for Mr. Gurber resulted in a 100 lb. dusky and 2 100 lb. tuna in the slick. Lots of tuna were sighted from 110 to 160 ft. of water. Thursday's trip for Mr. Sake saw 70 blues from 2-4 lbs. caught, 3/4 of them between buoys 3 and 4 in the inlet and half mile south of the pink hotel. Saturday's trip for Mr. Combs saw a slower pick on blues from the inlet to Ambrose on the troll and Sunday's charter for Mr. Brandes in the fog resulted in trolled bluefish SW of the inlet.

Acme II reports that on Tues. the charter of J. P. Stevens and Co. chummed a good catch of blues at anchor south of Jones and that rods were bent steadily into 8-15 lb. blues for 4 solid hours. Wed.'s charter with Frank Rosato's group from Merrick chummed a few alligators and they then moved off to the Three Sisters, where the blues would not quit on top. They then moved off to Ambrose and

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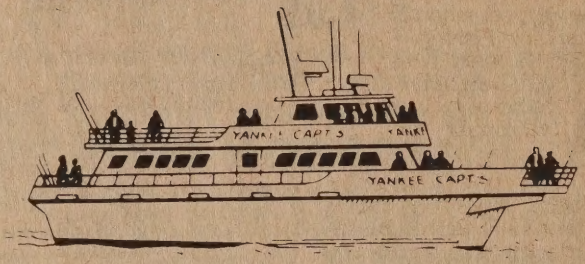

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chummed blues to 8 lbs., fishing light tackle. Walter says its more and more of a daytime chumming thing now on the blues. Saturday's charter for Paul Kopcz and party saw steady action on the blues in the 3-6 lb. class. Sunday's charter for a group from Sears Roebuck had an absolutely fantastic leap job on the blues, fishing at Ambrose Ridge. Everything that could hold the blues was filled to overflowing, fish 3-5 lbs. Walter says this has been the greatest bluefish season in years, and that all hell will break loose in September and early October on chummed blues and now is the time to get reservations in.

Hook Line and Sinker Bait and Tackle reports blues are all over the place on chum, umbrellas, bananas, and diamond jigs from the jetty's end on out. Bob Drinkwater on Thursday night bagged 18 weaks fishing the Meadow Brook Bridge on sand worms fished 3 ft. off the bottom. Snappers in the canals and bays on shiners. Tuna, blues and albies on feathers and rigged cedar plugs seven mi. north of the HA and at the HA. Two hammerheads were brought in 96 and 190 lbs., taken five miles past the HA. Flounders in Fundy Creek on sand worms. Blacks and sea bass at the bridges on worms and clam.

Dave Johnson, Sgt. Ed Siedlick and Don Hoewah with a 253 lb. [illegible] taken 150° south of Jones [illegible] on a whole bunker, aboard [illegible] Himself. Subscriber club photo.

Charter boat **Lucky Strike III** called to tell us that he had blues coming strong Sat. and Sun. at Cholera up to 15 lbs., most fish 10-12 lbs. on bait and chum. They also trolled some bonito and skippies on the way out.

Freeport's Hudson Anglers are holding their 6th Annual Invitational Open Shark Tournament, on August 12. The Tournament will be held from Mako Marina on Hudson Avenue, Freeport. It is open to all clubs and individuals and all entrants must register at Mako Marina. Entry fee is $50 per boat. There are 3 big cash prizes and 10 additional big fishing tackle prizes. Don't miss this one.

The Capt. Hall reports a good, consistent fluke week mostly at the Inlet. Hi hook for the week was 12 fish, but it is generally 8 or 9. Average catches are 5 to 6 fluke up to 3 lbs., falling to sand eels and squid. Pool fish are normally 3½-4 lbrs. Bay blues are also being caught in fair numbers on fluke rigs and the Inlet is pregnant with small blues at the change of tide.

Charter boat **Blue Fin** called and said that Sunday's bluefishing was the greatest so far this year at Ambrose Tower on chum and bait (butterfish and smelt). Fish ran to 5 lbs. Hi hook was 22 blues for Wally Merz of the Wonder Bar F/C. Saturday was very good too, but not as brisk as Sun. The boat still has some open night blue dates. Fri. night's trip on the **Blue Fin II** was also good SW of the Inlet.

Anthony's Fishing Station reports good catches of weakfish at the 3rd Meadow Brook at the top of the tide, drifting sand worms with split shot. Strawberry Jelly Worms are also doing the trick. Fish are in the 8 lb. class. Fluking improved starting Fri., with one skiff returning with 17 fluke of 3 plus lbs., working Fundy and Long Creek with killies and squid.

POINT LOOKOUT

Scotty's Marina reports that Irv

Grossman and Jim Cannalisa took 17 bluefish in one half hour fishing in Jones Inlet on Monday. On Saturday Irv Grossman had a catch of 60-70 blues, 7 dolphin, and 3 tuna fishing in 60-80 feet of water south of the Inlet. Fluke up to 7 lbs. are taking killies, sand eels, squid, and spearing at the Coast Guard Station, the Meadowbrook Bridge, and between the Point Lookout Bridge and Jones Inlet. Small flounder are still being taken at Buoys 14 and 15 at Long Creek. Blackfish averaging 3½ to 7 lbs. are taking fiddlers, green crabs, and clams at the Rota and T Wrecks.

ISLAND PARK

Beckman's Tackle reports that blues from 2 to 7 lbs are being trolled on wire lined umbrellas east of Debbs Inlet. Duck Point and Reynolds Channel are producing fluke of about 18 inches with lots of throw backs mixed in. Clam bellies and live eels are taking bass and weaks at night at the local bridges. Bluefish from 1½ to 2 lbs. are being taken like snapers in Jamaica Bay.

The Ginnie-Mae reports that he has been getting fair catches of fluke fishing the back bays with catches good but not anything super.

The charter boat **Ro-Ma Fran II** had a load of bluefish Sun. working the Ambrose Tower area.

ATLANTIC BEACH

Capt. Ronnie Lepper of the **Kim** reports shark fishing is holding its own, that makos are still here, but smaller. He had 2 this week between 100 and 150 lbs., tagging and releasing 37 others. There's an abundance of bonito (skippies) in the HA area along with numerous bluefin tuna, many over 20 lbs. One-half to one ounce red and white feathers fished in the 3rd and 4th wake were Ron's best producers this week. The 30-50 ft. depths from Breezy Pt. to FI produced lots of blues and weaks for trollers.

Hennings Fishing Station reports that quite a few fluke in the 3 to 4 lb. range are being taken in Reynolds Channel. These fish are hitting sand eels, squid and spearing. Bluefish are being taken on jigs in the Bay and on the Inlet averaging 2 to 3 lbs. Weakfish are being jigged off of Buoy 3. Some bass are being picked up at night under the Atlantic Beach Bridge on bunker. School tuna are hitting 1 to 1½ ounce red and white feathers at the HA Buoy.

JAMAICA BAY

Cross Bay Bait & Tackle reports that snapers are taking spearing and small Kastmasters at North and South Channel Bridges. Fluke from 4 to 5 lbs. are taking sand eels, squid, and killies and porgies are hitting worms and clams at the North Channel Bridge. Bluefish can also be taken at the North Channel using bunker during the outgoing tide.

J & G Bait and Tackle reports plenty of porgies and snappers on the north and south channel bridges, porgies hitting any baits while the snappers are taking spearing. Weakfish up to 10 lbs. on both bridges on squid or sand worms. Blue claw crabs are starting to show off the North Channel Bridge.

The boat Thermocline took First Place for the largest shark in the Freeport Tuna Club Fishing Tournament with a 585 lb. mako which may be the largest mako caught on L.I. on rod and reel. This beast took 1½ hrs. to land and the angler was Joe Domiano.

Seaman's Bait and Tackle in Lawrence reports blues and some weakfish at Silver Hole on live bunker and some sand porgies in the bay.

SHEEPSHEAD BAY

Joe at **Stella Maris Bait and Tackle** tells us there are plenty of blues being caught at Norton's Pt. on whole or chunk bunker. Blues and weaks at the Tin Can on jigs. Fluke has improved with fish taking sand eels or spearing. Loads of snappers in the bay. Sharpies are getting bass, but aren't telling where or how. The party boats are fishing Ambrose Channel and loading up on blues, small porgies and lafayettes in the bays along with the snappers.

The Dorothy B reports that the night blues are fantastic just one hr. from the dock at Ambrose. Tons and tons of blues. See their ad for night blue sailing schedule. Fish are running 2-10 lbs.

Capt. Andy of the **Traveller** tells us that the bluefishing is super and that they have been coming back to the docks early with sacks bulging. It's Ambrose Ridge for 2-4 lb. blues and 17 Fathoms for blues 2-20 lbs. This is all bait and chum. Saturday' daytime bottom fishing trip saw a good catch of seabass.

Capt. Tom on the **Pilot II** reports fair sea bass catches due to the weather, getting a half to a full five gallon bucket of these tasty beasts on the weekend. There is also a showing of some big porgies .

Walter on the **Flamingo III** reports that he is working over the bluefish with a heavy hand and he's seeing lots of big grins. Capt. George of the **Helen H** spoke happily of the very good bluefish catches being made night and day at Ambrose Ridge and 17 Fathoms.

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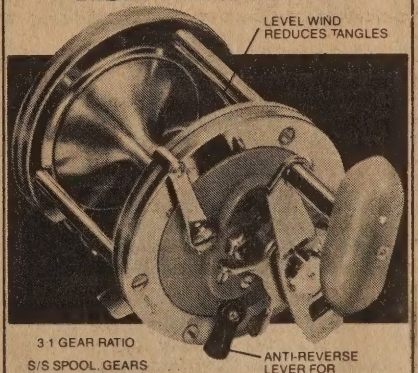

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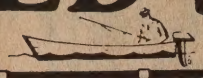
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STATEN ISLAND

Santos Sport Shop reports that bluefish averaging 9 lbs. and running up to 13 are hitting bunker bait at Piers 8, 12, 17, and 18. Ft. Wadsworth and South Beach are also producing these chopper blues and 6 to 8 lb. weakfish are mixed in. The fish in this area are hitting Danny swimmers at sun up and taking bunker after the morning action. Great Kills Park is producing small snappers and porgies along with the appearance of blueclaw crabs. The jetty at Great Kills Park is producing fluke and bluefish on spearing and sand eels. Boaters are taking fluke averaging 1½ to 2 lbs. and up to 4 ½ lbs. at Berger Ave. and Ft. Wadsworth. These fish are taking sand eels and squid. The above area is also producing 9 to 12 lb. bluefish and occasional weakfish on trolled bananas and gorilla rigs. Weakfish action has been fair to good in Princess Bay with 6 to 8 lb. fish being taken at Buoys 20, 35, and 46 on worms. Buoys 2 and 4 in Chapel Hill Channel are also producing weakfish on red and green bananas.

LIF subscriber Nick Balamaci caught this 34 lb. striped bass at Breezy Point on sand worms. Photo courtesy of Mark's Fishing Tackle in Manhattan.

PECONICS & GARDINERS
★ BEST BET ★ PORGIES

GREENPORT

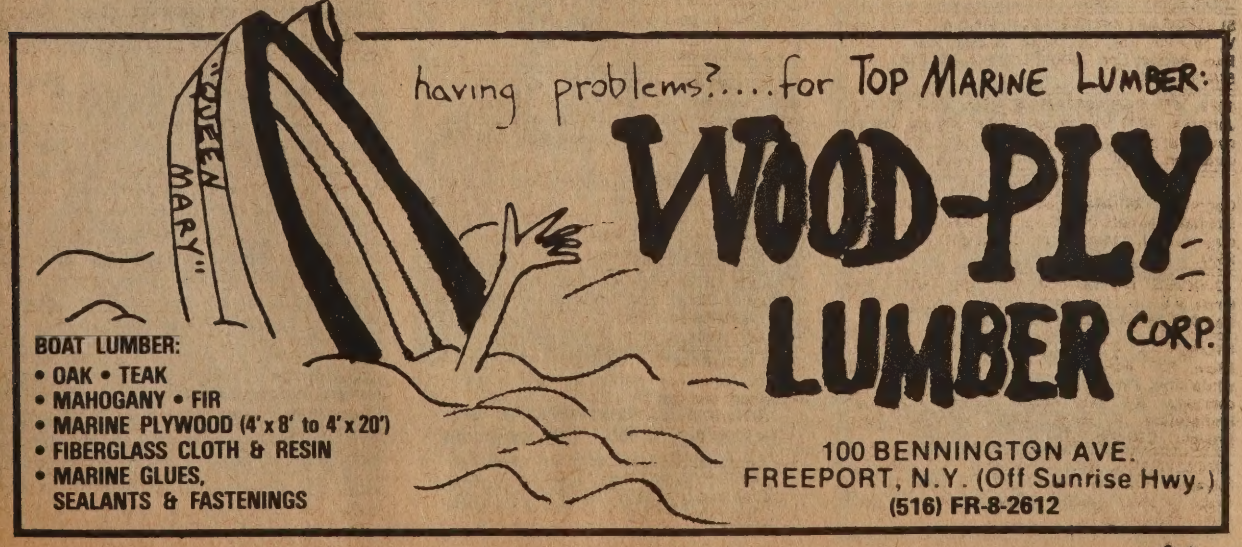
Capt. Richie Jensen of the **Wilhelic** tells us porgies have been good all week and weekend fishing Gardiner's. Hi hook is always 50-70 with average catches being 20-50 per man, on clam and sand worm. The weekend saw a lot of sea bass to 4 lbs. mixed in.

Capt. George Porter's **Brand X** has been enjoying excellent porgy fishing with an increase in the number of big blackfish and fluke mixed in. Fluke and sea bass are also going after the porgy rigs. The porgies as was stated remain excellent at Gardiner's and Fisher's Island on clam. The Brand X will be making special 8 AM bluefishing trips on Wednesdays only on the boat ONLY PRIME TIME. Also sailing from Claudio's Dock. George says the blues are in pretty good now.

A. P. White Bait Shop reports that porgies up to 3 lbs. are taking worms and clams at Gardiner's and Fisher's Islands. Fluke up to 7 lbs. can be taken on sand eels, shiners and squid at Truman's Beach and East of the Ruins. Blackfish up to 6 lbs. are being taken at Plum Island, Gull Island and along the Sound shore on fiddlers, green crabs and worms. Weakfish from 6 to 9 lbs. are taking squid and worms off of the Greenport Jetties.

SOUTHOLD

Port of Egypt reported some good catches of porgies made over the weekend by the South Ferry. The rain and fog didn't stop the fish and some fishermen. In the Sound, one customer took 13 fluke to 6½ lbs. just to the east of the Orient Point Station. Petty's Bight was the best place for porgies last week. Blackfish by the Orient Light.



Galatios Evangelatos, Harry Ballis, Andy Evangelatos and Cosmos Tibiachi with their catch of 207 porgies to 2 lbs. 3 oz. and one blackfish of 7 lbs. 2 oz. taken off of the Orient Point station. Photo courtesy of Port of Egypt Fishing Station.

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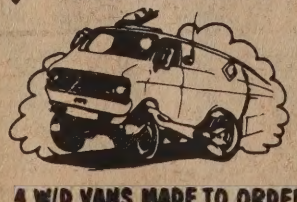

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NEW SUFFOLK

Capt. Marty's Fishing Station reports that porgy, weakfish and kingfish action over the weekend was better than usual. Pails full of porgies, some over 2 lbs., were taken on clams and sand worms west of Robin's Island. Rose's Grove produced weakfish to 5 lbs. and kingfish to 1½ lbs. on sand worms and skimmers.

AQUEBOGUE

Warren's Tackle Center reported lots of porgies almost anywhere in the Sound. Last Thursday morning, one boat came in with a catch of 65 weaks, but mum was the word. A few bass into the low twenties, but getting any more info beyond that is akin to robbing Fort Knox. The blues were all over chasing tinker macs which are chasing sand eels. Shore fishermen fishing chunks picked up blues from 12-15 lbs. last week. Some fish were taken right in the middle of the day.

NOYAC

Noyac Marina reported that despite the on and off weather, fishing looked promising again, definitely improving, mainly between the Monastery area and buoy 16, where large sized porgies have been picked up off the nets up to 50 per boat. School weaks seem to be making an appearance. Blues have been caught in the morning at Jessup's Neck, about two hours after low tide. One party had 42 on Saturday. Large snappers are being caught off the beach as of this weekend.

Speck's Bait and Tackle tells us that on Sat. Bob Lambert and John Wilmer had 30 fluke from 2-6 lbs. fishing Gardiner's on squid and sand eels. In general, the unfavorable weather conditions has resulted in poor fishing this past week, so this was a good catch. Porgies off Long Beach in Noyac on worms. A few weaks and blues at Cold Spring Pond and the Nationals in the early part of the week on tins.

Don Lewis, Tom Wenzel and Frank Sotnik with 110 weakfish and bluefish trolled on umbrellas off buoy 15-Lloyd's Point. Photo courtesy of Four Winds Tackle.

NORTH SHORE MID-ISLAND

★ BEST BET ★ BLUEFISH

ROCKY POINT

Rocky Point Fishing Stop reports that bluefish are all over the area. Buoy 7 is a hotspot where bluefish up to 6 lbs. are being trolled and jigged. On Sunday, nice sized blues were taken floating bunker off of the Lilco jetties. Small blackfish are hitting sand worms and clams at Wading River and porgies can be found all along the north shore beaches. Fluke fishing has been good at buoy 5 and at Scott's Beach. These fish are averaging 3-4 lbs. A few bass are being taken at night east of Wading River on small Rebels and RedFins.

MT. SINAI HBR.

Ralph's Fishing Station reports that blues up to 6 lbs. are being trolled on umbrellas at buoy 9. Porgies are all over the sound and are hitting worms and clams. Fluke are taking small tinker mackerel straight off the harbor. These fish are averaging 5-6 lbs.

PORT JEFFERSON

Richie at **Port Jeff Sporting Goods** tells of loads of blue in the Sound feeding on sand eels and falling to sand eel jigs, A27s and Sekora trolling rigs. Fish are mixed sizes, no alligators. Few bass being picked up this way as well. Weaks and blues off Cedar Beach Overlook on the south shore on artificials and some fluke off local north shore beaches on squid and sand eels.

Caraftis Fishing Station reported the overcast skies over the weekend kept the blue around all day long. Fish were between #11 down to #9 and off Old Field Point. Not many weaks at all in the catches. For porgies go off Old Field and look for the congregation of boats. Fluke were best by buoy 9. Some doormats in there. Jean Tirpake and his two sons, Ed, 10 and Eric, 13, picked up 20 fluke to 8¾ lbs. Young Eric took the big fish honors.

NORTHPORT

Bowman's Sporting Goods reports that bluefish are all over the area and fishermen are taking as many of these 3-5 lb. fish as they wanted from shore. Some of these fish ran as high as 11 lbs. Nice sized bluefish are being taken from the shore near Lilco during the evening. The Obstruction Buoy and Lloyd's Point are producing nice sized bluefish on trolled umbrellas and jigs. Weakfish averaging over 7 lbs., are being taken on Tri-Fin Sand Eel Jigs and Ava jigs off of Eaton's Neck. Fluking has been excellent off of the Eaton's Neck Coast Guard Station. Lots of 3-5 lbrs are being taken on squid and sand eel combos. Porgy fishing has been good off Marshall Fields on worms and clams and snappers can be found all over the area.

NORTH SHORE WEST END

★ BEST BET ★ BLUEFISH

KINGS PARK

Bob at **Mae's Way Fishing Station** reports great fishing for blues, weaks and porgies on On Saturday, the Greek's from Astoria had two bushels of porgies taken off Callahan's Beach on sand worms. On Sunday, Sal and Paul Bruno had a catch of over 40 blues taken off Lilco on poppers and off Sunken Meadow Beach on diamond jigs. Al Astraus and friend, Red took 30 choppers Saturday afternoon on diamond jigs at the Obstruction Buoy. John Bishop and friend Candy, jigged 12 blues off Cedar Beach on a brief Sunday afternoon trip. Charter boat **Stormy Petrel** came in Friday with 34 blues from 3-7 lbs. and half a dozen of the finest kind of weakfish.

HUNTINGTON

capt. Don Constantin of the **Ever Ready** called to report that after a slow start mid-week, from Thurs. on the fishing developed into a fantastic experience with Thurs. night, Fri. and Sat., producing tremendous amounts of fish. Friday's day run produced hi-hook with over 40 bluefish with the Sat. AM run producing well also. Joe Benzie of Brookville was hi-hook with 13 fish, while Steve Hortman of Dix Hills won the pool with an 11 lb. blue. Basically looking forward to a good next few weeks of solid bluefish with plenty of action.

Capt. Tony on the **Foxy Lady** reports that on Sat. the charter for Rich Paris and friends, despite the weather, resulted in 50 blues from 5-7 lbs. being taken on umbrellas, diamond jigs off Center Island Reef.

Ronnie's Bait and Tackle reports that Ray Nigro and Mike Daddura of Huntington Sta., took 40 bluefish up to 10¾ lbs, trolling white umbrellas at Eaton's Neck. Bluefish and weakfish action has been very good at Eaton's Neck, the Obstruction Buoy and at Lloyd's Point. Umbrella rigs and Scotty rigs are working best. Big porgies up to 2 lbs. are taking diamond jigs and clams at Lloyd's Point. Snappers can be taken in Huntington and Centerport Harbors on shiners and small lures.

Ed Ciminelli and Linda Diviglio caught these 75 bluefish up to 8 lbs. on Ava-27 diamond jigs aboard the charter boat "Foxy Lady" out of Huntington.

BAYVILLE

Norm's Bait and Tackle reports that blues up to 7 lbs. are being jigged at Lloyd's Neck. Porgy action has been good in the area and fish up to 1 lb. are being taken on worms. Weakfishing is improving off of Lloyd's Point and Eaton's neck where the 6½ to 7 lb. fish are taking sand eels and squid. A few blackfish are still being taken in the area. Samuel Fieldman of Levittown took a 7¾ lb. fluke fishing off of Whitewood Point.

CITY ISLAND

Jack's Tackle Shop reported a good week. Blues were in off Orchard Beach. Shore fishermen were getting them off and on with chunks of bunker. Biggest was a 14½ lbr. taken last Tuesday. One fellow came in with tales of several broken lines. In the boats, one fellow with diamond jigs and hand-lines took a bunch of big fish last Thursday. On Saturday, another small boat took 20 small fish trolling a Rebel. All the boats did well with blues though fish from 3 to 4 lbs. on diamond jigs. Jack noted for everyone to get these fish, there must be a massive school in the area. Good school bass fishing at Hart's Island. Tony Starras has been getting fish each trip. He goes out about three hours before high and comes back around two hours after the tide has dropped. The fish seem to move in on the tide to feed, then move out. Good porgy fishing between Fort Slocum and the CBS Tower. There's a cut in there where the water drops down to 27 ft. Most of the fish are coming from water a little shallower, say 18 ft. deep. That is all hard bottom in that spot. Snapper blues are small, but plentiful.

The **Ebb Tide** called to report that Thurs. and Fri., they had a good pick on flounders and porgies at Lloyd's and Smithtown on sand worms. Sat. was slow, but Sunday it picked up again with a few porgies and a few weakfish up to 10 lbs. Everything with sand worms.

Jack Sweeney of Lynn, Mass., with cod ranging from the 20s to 36 lbs., taken on the Yankee Capt.'s Cashes Ledge trip on July 26.

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THUR.	12:11	12:57	1:05	1:41	12:36	1:25	2:00	2:35	3:40	4:06	3:49	4:14	12:28	1:03	8/10
FRI.	1:03	1:49	1:55	2:37	1:29	2:14	2:55	3:28	4:33	5:00	4:41	5:09	1:21	1:58	8/11
SAT.	2:02	2:49	2:53	3:37	2:26	3:13	3:55	4:29	5:29	5:58	5:40	6:08	2:22	3:00	8/12
SUN.	3:09	3:55	3:57	4:42	3:35	4:22	5:00	5:31	6:31	7:01	6:45	7:13	3:26	4:01	8/13
MON.	4:21	5:04	5:05	5:45	4:54	5:33	6:05	6:29	7:41	8:12	7:50	8:15	4:30	5:01	8/14
TUE.	5:33	6:07	6:11	6:46	6:08	6:37	7:04	7:27	8:57	9:26	8:53	9:17	5:29	5:58	8/15
WED.	6:36	7:01	7:12	7:42	7:11	7:35	7:59	8:23	10:11	10:32	9:51	10:15	6:24	6:51	8/16
THUR.	7:29	7:53	8:09	8:36	8:05	8:27	8:55	9:17	11:12	11:31	10:47	11:11	7:17	7:44	8/17

HOW TO USE TIDE TABLES:

To compute the high tide for the area you wish to fish, simply find the closest area on the conversion tables. Add or subtract the hours and minutes as indicated from that areas station above. Example: "Shinnecock Inlet.....—0 50" is listed under "On SANDY HOOK." —0 50 means you subtract 50 minutes from the times given for the SANDY HOOK STATION for the day you are going fishing. This is the approximate time for the high tide in the area. For low tide, add 6 ½ hours to this figure.

On SANDY HOOK

STATEN ISLAND	+ 0 27
ATLANTIC HIGHLANDS	—0 01
Red Bank, Navesink R.I.	+ 0 48
Long Branch	—0 34
SHARK RIVER INLET	—0 18
Shark River Basin	+ 0 27
MANASQUAN INLET	—0 12
Seaside Park	—0 33
Mantoloking Bridge	+ 5 34
TOMS RIVER	+ 4 37
Waretown	+ 2 33
BARNEGAT LIGHT	—0 20
Manahawkin Bridge	+ 2 33
Beach Haven	+ 1 47
LITTLE EGG INLET	—0 01
Seven Islands	+ 0 12
Graveling Point	+ 1 05
Mullica River	+ 1 55
Grassy Bay	+ 1 08
ABSECON INLET	+ 0 14
Atlantic City Pier	—0 26
Gt. Egg Harbor Inlet	+ 0 12
GREAT EGG HARBOR	+ 0 46
CORSON INLET	+ 0 09
TOWNESEND INLET	+ 0 06
HEREFORD INLET	+ 0 02
Grassy Sound Bridge	+ 0 45
Cape May Harbor	—0 02
Rehoboth Beach	—0 07
INDIAN RIVER INLET	+ 0 14
SHINNECOCK INLET	—0 50
Shinnecock Bay	+ 1 25
East Quogue	+ 2 45
Shinnecock Canal	+ 1 18
Indian Reservation	+ 3 05
MORICHES INLET	—0 56
Smith's Point	+ 3 28
Harts Cove	+ 1 30
Potunck Point	+ 3 35
Mastic Beach	+ 3 28
FIRE ISLAND INLET	—0 38
Democrat Point	—0 38
Coast Guard Station	—0 19
Fire Island Light	+ 0 47
GREAT SOUTH BAY	
Sayville	+ 3 39
Heckscher State Pk.	+ 3 20
Bay Shore	+ 2 23
Babylon	+ 2 12
Amityville	+ 2 21
JONES INLET	—0 19
Zachs Bay	+ 1 25
Seaford Harbor	+ 2 05
Freeport Creek	+ 0 34
E. ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 06
Long Beach Bridge	+ 0 19
ROCKAWAY INLET	—0 00
Beach Ch. Bridge	+ 0 38
JFK Airport	+ 0 26

On BRIDGEPORT

Lloyd Point	+ 0 08
Cold Spring Harbor	+ 0 08
Bayville Bridge	+ 0 13
Eatons Neck Point	+ 0 03
Northport Bay	+ 0 03
Norwalk Islands	+ 0 10
Smithtown Bay	—0 03
Cranes Neck Point	+ 0 05
Port Jefferson Harbor	+ 0 03
New Haven Harbor	+ 0 08
Mount Sinai Harbor	—0 08
Herod Point	—0 07
Mattituck Inlet	+ 0 19
Horton Point	—0 20
Truman Beach	—0 42
Falkner Island	—0 13
Sachem Head	—0 10
Branford Harbor	—0 07
New Haven Harbor	—0 08
Milford Harbor	—0 07
Stratford	+ 0 27
Shelton	+ 1 36
Black Rock Harbor	—0 03
Saugatuck River	—0 01
South Norwalk	+ 0 10
Greens Ledge	—0 01
Stamford	+ 0 04
Cos Cob Harbor	+ 0 06
Greenwich	+ 0 02

On NEW LONDON

Orient Point	+ 0 27
Little Gull Is. (Race)	+ 0 12
Greenport	+ 1 04
Southold	+ 1 43
New Suffolk	+ 2 26
South Jamesport	+ 2 32
Shinnecock Canal	+ 2 33
Noyack Bay	+ 2 05
Sag Harbor	+ 0 59
Gardiners Bay	+ 0 21
Promised Land	—0 14
Montauk Inlet	—0 25
Montauk Point	—1 13
Niantic	+ 1 20
Stonington	—0 33
Noank, Mystic River	—0 23
THAMES RIVER	
Smith Cove	—0 01
Norwich	+ 0 09
CONNECTICUT RIVER	
Saybrook jetty	+ 1 10
Lyme	+ 1 24
Essex	+ 1 38
East Haddam	+ 2 41
Higganum Creek	+ 2 54

On WILLETS PT.

Little Neck Bay	—0 10
Execution Light	—0 06
Manhasset Bay	—0 01
Hempstead Harbor	—0 11
City Island	—0 03
Rye Beach	—0 28
Port Chester	—0 09
Mamaroneck	—0 08
New Rochelle	—0 24
Davids Island	—0 02

On B'WATER HB.

CAPE MAY POINT	—0 10
Miami Beach	+ 1 17
East Point	+ 0 53
Egg Island Point	+ 0 33
Cape Henlopen	—0 05
ROOSEVELT INLET	+ 0 09
Mispillion River Ent.	+ 0 33
St. Jones River Ent.	+ 0 57

On NEW YORK

Jersey City	+ 0 07
Geo. Washington Br.	+ 0 46
Spuyten Duyvil	+ 0 58
Ossining	+ 1 53
Peekskill	+ 2 24
West Point	+ 3 16
Newburg	+ 3 42

On NEWPORT

Sakonnet	—0 10
Tiverton	+ 0 21
Beavertail Point	—0 02
Prudence Is., Sandy Pt.	+ 0 10
Bristol	+ 0 10
Warren	+ 0 21
Nayatt Point	+ 0 12
Pawtucket	+ 0 21
East Greenwich	+ 0 16
Wickford	+ 0 12
Narragansett Pier	—0 08
Point Judith Harbor	—0 07
BLOCK ISLAND	
Great Salt Pond	+ 0 05
Old Harbor	—0 14
Watch Hill Point	+ 0 44

SUNRISE/SUNSET

8/4	5:56	8:15
8/9	6:01	8:09
8/14	6:06	8:02
8/19	6:12	7:55
8/24	6:17	7:47
8/29	6:22	7:39

PHASES OF THE MOON

NEW	1st Qtr	FULL	2nd Qtr
8/4	8/11	8/18	8/25

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When To Fish Or Hunt

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The major periods begin at the time shown and last for an hour-and-a-half or two hours thereafter, and are in the bold type face. The minor periods are shorter in duration and lighter type.

	AM		PM	
	Minor	Major	Minor	Major
Thurs.	10:20	**4:30**	10:40	**4:55**
Fri.	11:10	**5:15**	11:25	**5:40**
Sat.	11:55	**6:05**	—	**6:30**
Sun.	12:15	**6:50**	12:45	**7:20**
Mon.	1:05	**7:45**	1:35	**8:15**
Tues.	1:55	**8:40**	2:30	**9:10**
Wed.	2:50	**9:35**	3:25	**10:05**
Thurs.	3:45	**10:40**	4:20	**11:10**

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